



# News of the Flock

## Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

February 2019

### From the Pastor's Desk:

I understand, I get it. I understand why so many people intentionally stay away from church. I understand that there have been times that the church has damaged people, that it has excluded people when they most needed the support of God and the people of God, that it has presented itself as self-righteous and narcissistic, and a list of other reasons to stay away.

Unfortunately, the Church is made up of fallible people who sometimes simply forget who they are created to be. There are times that we forget that people are more important than the institution or that being right is not nearly as important as being compassionate.

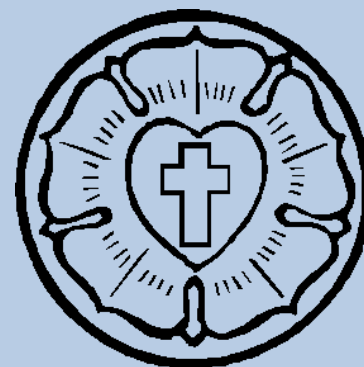
Here at Good Shepherd, we fail as much and as often as any congregation. But we strive, as best we know how to remember who our God is and what he wants for this world. We try very hard to remember that grace, the love of God that call us his child in spite of our failings, is the foundation of this walk of faith.

I thank this community for always trying to live mercy and for working hard to be a family that provides a place for those who have been hurt by the church, those who have felt excluded or judged, or any that simply need to feel a part of a community. We work to welcome the struggles and questions because we don't have all the answers.

I thank God for this congregation that struggles to find a way to welcome and to show and share the mercy of a loving God. I am thankful that our doors and hearts are open to those who are simply loved by God.

We are trying to live up to the grace of God that welcomes you **"Whoever you are, However you are, Just as you are"**.

See You on Sunday,  
Pastor Mike



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## Our Council:

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## Council Corner:

Welcome to February.

Lots of activities are already underway as you can see from the various articles in this newsletter. For those who may be interested in learning more about church business, please stop by at our Council meeting on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and/or our Finance Committee meeting on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings begin at 7:00PM.

Also, the Spirit Team is awakening from its "long winters nap", meeting for the first time this year on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on participating.

Many things were discussed at our meetings last year. Several great ideas were implemented and many more were left on the table for future consideration. Well, the future starts now! Please plan on joining us.

And once again, thank you to all who step up and make good things happen at Good Shepherd.

Don Larsen / Council President



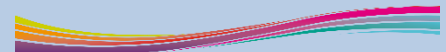
## Daily Bread Needs: Water, Toilet Paper, and Canned Protein

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19



**Friday, February 22nd,  
7:00-10:00**



**The Spirit Team  
will meet Sunday,  
February 10<sup>th</sup> at noon in  
the Fellowship Hall**

## Adults Night Out



**Valentine-themed Dinner  
Saturday, February 23rd at  
6:00pm at the church.  
Fun for all and Prizes!**



Email servers are constantly updating their Spam filters. Email sent from the church is increasingly being blocked by these filters. Please make sure you have set your email settings to designate our church email addresses from Anne Stephens, Robyn Taylor, and Pastor Mike as "safe senders." **If you are not receiving emails, please let Anne Stephens know at: [AnneStephens@mylcgs.org](mailto:AnneStephens@mylcgs.org).**



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## Upcoming Events:

- **Youth:** The youth group will meet **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** to plan activities for the next several months.
- Our next **Council Meeting** will be held **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM.
- **Book Study!** Send all ideas for a Book Study Book to Pastor Mike and watch for the starting date!
- The **Men's Service Group:** Will meet from **8:30 – 11:30 am** on **February 9<sup>th</sup>**.
- The **Spirit Team** will meet **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at noon.
- The **Finance Committee** will meet on **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm.
- **Confirmation Class:** **Friday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7-10 pm**
- **Adults Night Out:** This month's activity is a Valentine-themed dinner on **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6 pm. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall door.
- **Don't Miss out on our Bible Study** of "The Story." We meet just after dinner on Wednesday evenings and each session is self-contained! You are wanted in this study!



Wednesday Night  
**Dinner**

Dinner and activities



Wednesday Night  
Bible Study

Join us as we continue our journey through the great stories of the Bible!



Send all ideas for a Book Study Book to Pastor Mike and watch for the starting date!

# Thank You!

Our Men's Group has been very active doing projects around our church. See the list in the following article for all they've accomplished. Thank you to all in this group who have been busy with these improvement projects!



Youth Group and  
Sunday School Meeting  
Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>



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## EXCITING NEWS!

We now have an outdoor amphitheater for outdoor services and other events! **A big thank you to Jacob Williams and the Scouts of Troop 3 for this wonderful Eagle project!** Look for announcements about our amphitheater coming soon.

### Men's Service Group:

The men's service group has been meeting since September of 2018 with the initial intent for the group to work on church maintenance needs. So far, to date the men's group has completed yard work, plumbing repairs, painting, electrical repairs and floor repairs projects. As of today, the Men's service group has completed the following items, which have been personally funded by members of the service group:



Description	Weekend Completed
Installed dishwasher in the kitchen	September 8, 2018
Replaced light switch in the storage room	September 8, 2018
Replaced light bulbs in the narthex	September 8, 2018
Replaced light bulbs in the hallway	September 8, 2018
Removed weeds from around Air Conditioner	September 8, 2018
Cleaned out and re-organized storage closet	December 8, 2018
Pressure washed the front entryway of the church	October 13, 2018
Replaced burnt out light bulbs in the fellowship hall	December 8, 2018
Cleaned out and re-organized the Electrical closet	December 8, 2018
Replaced Kitchen Faucet	November 10, 2018
Replaced Kitchen lights	January 12, 2019
Replaced outlet cover in Youth room	December 8, 2018
Painted front entry way	October 13, 2019
Installed new kickplate and door stops on 4 doors	Dec. 8, '18 & Jan. 12, '19





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## Men's Service Group (continued):

We have identified approximately 14 preliminary projects, which are going to require additional funding, beyond the approved church budget to complete. We do not yet have a total cost estimate to complete all the projects below. However, in the interim the men's service group would like to request church members to consider sponsoring a specific project or contributing to the church maintenance fund to help support the projects financially.

Description	Cost
Parking lot needs to be repaved	TBD
Emergency lights need to be replaced	TBD
Front door locks need to be replaced	TBD
Fellowship hall door locks need to be replaced	TBD
Sanctuary front outside door needs to be replaced	TBD
Hallway door lock needs to be replaced so that it can be locked	TBD
The back wall of the chapel is cracked and needs to be repaired and painted	TBD
The interior of the church needs to be repainted	TBD
All the vinyl tile floors need to be polished/buffed	TBD
Air conditioners need to be replaced	TBD
The water heater for the bathrooms need to be replaced	TBD
Kick plate and door stops need to be installed on approximately 15 remaining doors	\$35.95 per a door, total cost of \$539.25
Kitchen water heater expansion tank needs to be replaced	\$39.98
Need to replace the blinds in the fellowship hall	\$118.98 per window, total cost of \$237.96

If you would like to sponsor one of the projects listed above or contribute to the maintenance fund, please let John Lorenz ([johnlorenz70@gmail.com](mailto:johnlorenz70@gmail.com)) know.

## Cardboard Recycling:



There is a gentleman who collects cardboard to recycle as part of his livelihood. He picks up the cardboard from our Daily Bread Ministry on Tuesday afternoons. If you would like to bring your corrugated cardboard to have it recycled and to help him, please put it outside the church, near the benches, on Mondays or in the morning on Tuesdays. **Please DO NOT leave it out there any other time. Thank you!**



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## Adults Night Out:



The Adults night out activity for February will be a Valentine themed dinner on Saturday, February 23rd at 6:00pm. The details are still being worked out, but a fun time for all is promised, along with prizes! Sign up on the Fellowship Hall door and look out for emails and announcements with more details to come. If you have questions, please contact Stephen of Laura Austin at autorip@aol.com.

## Youth:

The middle school and high school Sunday school/youth group class will meet on February 3rd. During this time we will be planning our activities and outings for the next several months. We will also start our new Sunday School class during that time. Also, watch for exciting changes being done to the youth room! If you want to help, contact Tara Douds at doudsr@comcast.net.



## The Daily Bread Ministry:

**Donations of water, toilet paper, and canned proteins are currently needed.** Also, please save your plastic grocery bags and bring them to the church for this ministry. Thank you for all you do to support this Ministry!

## Stewardship:

Please use the offering envelopes provided. Using the offering envelopes makes it easier for our counters and avoids confusion when members have the same last name. If you need envelopes, please let Anne Stephens know. Note that your envelope number and your mailbox number may be different. **Your offering envelope has three categories: Current Expenses, Benevolence, and Building. The Building offering is designated for the mortgage.** Please write any other designations, such as flowers or Daily Bread, on the envelope.



## The Spirit Team:

The Spirit Team is awakening from its "long winters nap", meeting for the first time this year on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

## Birthdays:



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| 2/3 Jackie Mentz  | 2/19 Kevin Bauch    |
| 2/7 Mary Graham   | 2/20 Leonard Murphy |
| 2/12 Zach Nielsen | 2/20 LeAndra Douds  |
| 2/13 Erica Warren | 2/25 Phillip Welch  |
| 2/14 Lynn Shick   | 2/26 Amanda Parker  |

## Anniversaries:

- 2/5 Tim & Cindy Wilkie
- 2/17 Keith & Michelle Buterbaugh

*Happy Anniversary*



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## Serving in Ministry for the Month of February:

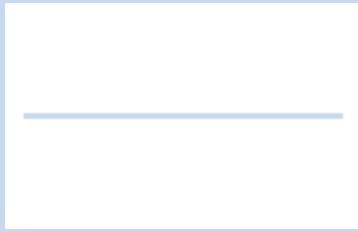
February 3rd	<b>8:30 –Guitarist:</b> Pastor Mike; <b>Acolyte:</b> ; <b>Crucifer:</b> <b>Reader:</b> Shannon Weathers <b>Ushers:</b> Don & Joan Larsen; <b>Greeters:</b> Leonard & Sue Murphy
	<b>10:30 - Organist:</b> David Slim; <b>Choir Director:</b> Randy Stephens <b>Acolyte:</b> Ethan Sanders; <b>Crucifer:</b> Emma Brown; <b>Reader:</b> Glen Schillinger; <b>Intoning the Psalm:</b> Randy Stephens <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Birgit Kelley; <b>Altar Guild on Duty:</b> Sue Murphy; <b>Ushers:</b> Neal Ochs; <b>Greeters:</b> ; <b>Counters:</b> Bethany Holzhauser & Wendy Flory;
February 10th	<b>8:30 - Guitarist:</b> Pastor Mike; <b>Acolyte:</b> Jackson Steer; <b>Crucifer:</b> <b>Reader:</b> Tony Ritchie; <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Kevin Bauch; <b>Altar Guild Member on Duty;</b> <b>Ushers:</b> Tony & Laurie Ritchie; <b>Greeters:</b> Leila & Paulette Bovingdon
	<b>10:30 – Organist:</b> David Slim; <b>Choir Director:</b> Randy Stephens; <b>Acolyte:</b> Sage Smith; <b>Crucifer:</b> Malorie Breneman; <b>Reader:</b> Lynne Williams; <b>Intoning the Psalm:</b> Adam Holzhauser; <b>Ushers:</b> Neal Ochs; <b>Counters:</b> Linda Boynton & Jill Zuehlke; <b>Greeters:</b>
February 17th	<b>8:30 - Guitarist:</b> Pastor Mike; <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Crucifer:</b> <b>Reader:</b> Charles Craton; <b>Ushers:</b> Shannon & Kristi Weathers <b>Greeters</b> Jill Zuehlke
	<b>10:30 - Organist:</b> David Slim; <b>Choir Director:</b> Randy Stephens <b>Acolyte:</b> Jackson Stear; <b>Crucifer:</b> Ethan Sanders; <b>Reader:</b> Joe Williams; <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Adam Holzhauser; <b>Altar Guild Member on Duty:</b> <b>Intoning the Psalm:</b> Skip Welch; <b>Ushers:</b> Neal Ochs; <b>Greeters;</b> <b>Counters:</b> Seth Gunnels & Tarice Nail
February 24th	<b>8:30 - Guitarist:</b> Pastor Mike; <b>Acolyte:</b> Benjamin Steer; <b>Crucifer:</b> <b>Reader:</b> Jason Steer; <b>Ushers:</b> Butch Myers & Jill Zuehlke; <b>Communion Assistant:</b> Jason Stear; <b>Altar Guild Member on Duty:</b> Joan Larsen; <b>Greeters:</b> Leonard & Sue Murphy
	<b>10:30 - Organist:</b> David Slim; <b>Choir Director:</b> Randy Stephens; <b>Acolyte:</b> Malorie Breneman; <b>Crucifer:</b> Emma Brown; <b>Reader:</b> Gary Breneman; <b>Intoning the Psalm:</b> Randy Stephens; <b>Ushers:</b> Neal Ochs; <b>Counters:</b> Lois Waldmann & Jo Welch; <b>Greeters:</b>

If you cannot serve at your assigned time, please try to find a replacement. If this is not possible, please let Pastor Mike ([pastormike@mylcs.org](mailto:pastormike@mylcs.org)) or Robyn Taylor ([robyn@mylcs.org](mailto:robyn@mylcs.org)) know in time for them to get at replacement. Thank you for your service!



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## NATIONAL CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights in downtown Atlanta is an engaging cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today's struggle for Global Human Rights. Its purpose is to create a safe space for visitors to explore the fundamental rights of all human beings so that they leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in their communities.

Thanks to [FedEx](#), Big Game Saturday (February 2, 2019) will have free admission with extended hours (9 AM -7 PM). And thanks to The Coca-Cola Foundation, admission is free January 28 - February 28, 2019. If you haven't been to this museum, this is a great month to check it out for free. Follow the instructions on the website for free tickets: <https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/comp-tix/>

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