

# GOOD TIDINGS

March 2019

**Special points of interest:**

- Ash Wednesday Services
- Lenten Schedule
- Movie Event

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“You are dust and to dust you shall return.” This Wednesday, March 6th, we will hear these painfully honest yet strangely liberating words. With these words we begin a journey that will take us to the very brink of Easter morning. The name of this journey is Lent. We live in a society that really doesn’t like to talk about mortality. We spend billions of dollars every year on a whole host of pharmaceuticals to postpone the mortality that is part of all created things. Once our loved one does die, we spend untold 1000’s of dollars on postponing the inevitable decay of this created body. Yet, sooner or later, we return to the dust from which we came.

Lent is a centuries-old 40-day preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even though the destination of Lent is resurrection, we cannot avoid the death that must take place before resurrection can occur; Lent leads us through Good Friday. In the ancient church, Easter morning was a baptism celebration; as Jesus was raised from the dead those who were baptized were raised into new life as well. The 40 days of Lent was the time of preparation for that baptism. In this day and age, we rarely have baptisms on Easter Sunday but the 40-day preparation remains. We use Lent to slow down, reflect, learn, and discipline ourselves. One could say that we use Lent to allow part of ourselves to die so that we can enter into the Easter season better prepared to live a new, “resurrected” life.

There is a part of our baptismal liturgy that asks the one being baptized (or their parents) to say ‘No’ to that what leads us away from God, so that we can say ‘Yes’ to that which leads us toward God. Therefore, it is also part of the Lenten tradition to “give up” something for the sake of strengthening our spiritual discipline. I urge you to use the time before Ash Wednesday to prayerfully reflect upon the question, “What is it that keeps me from growing in my knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ?” Another way to ask that question is, “What part of my daily routine can I give up for these 40 days that would allow me more time for quiet, prayer, and study?” Use the answer to these questions to help you decide what to “give up” for Lent.

I also invite you to say ‘Yes’ to something. This year our Thursday evening Lenten services will be studying one of my favorite books of the New Testament, Philippians. In this letter, the apostle Paul communicates a deep love that he has for this congregation that he founded years before. It doesn’t take a biblical scholar to discover that that this congregation loves Paul back. As we study this deep and ‘love’-filled book together – allow a greater knowledge of Philippians to lead you closer to a God who loves you deeply. Our Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 14 and will continue every Thursday through April 11. Join us at 6:30 for a simple soup supper provided by our youth.

Let us use Lent to say ‘No’ to some things in order that we may say ‘Yes’ to a closer relationship with God.

In God’s Hands,

Pastor Jon





During the month of March, the students will be excited to welcome Spring by talking about flowers, rainbows and St. Patrick's Day. On Ash Wednesday, March 6th, the children will participate in a prayer service with Pastor Jon and receive ashes. The students in the four year old program will be traveling to the KidsWork Children's museum in Frankfort on March 19th to explore the exhibits.

Preschool registration is now open. There are openings in both the three and four year old programs, but the four year old program is filling up fast. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact the preschool office at 815-838-0708 to schedule a tour.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Shepherd of the Hill Preschool Staff



"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus." —Father Mike Schmitz



## Lenten Calendar

March 6- *Ash Wednesday Services/Youth Pasta Supper*  
11:00am and 7:00pm services (Pasta Supper at 6:15pm)

Starting March 14- *Thursday Lenten Supper/Services*  
Soup Supper at 6:15pm with Service to Follow at 7:00pm  
Subsequent Soup/Suppers on 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, and 4/11

April 17- *Seder Meal 6pm*

April 19- *Good Friday Crosswalk*

April 19- *Good Friday Service 7:00pm*

April 20- *Easter Egg Hunt*  
10:00am-Noon: Egg Hunt, Crafts, Pictures, Puppet Show

April 20- *Easter Vigil Service 7:00pm*

April 21- *Easter Morning Services and Brunch*

Services at 9:00am and 11:00am Brunch from 10:00-11:00

## Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes Tuesday, February 19, 2019

President Steve Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

**Present:** Pastor Jon Pedersen, Steve Kirk, Amber Gayhart (Nickel), Rick McManis, Tom Gustafson, Dan Rogan, Nell Pieper, Nancy Baumgart, Cheryl Zacharias, Kevin Helfert

**Absent:** Ken Bobek

**Special Order of Business / Guests:** NONE

The Council shared personal “highs/lows” and prayed for one another.

Minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were approved within this meeting by present Council members.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Baumgart discussed her transitioning into this role and working closely with Tim Houseward (previous treasurer). She noted January income is lower in comparison to other months due to payments of boiler pump, roof, parking lot repairs.

**Pastor’s Report (Highlights):** Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Approximately 100 people attended screening of Kayla Redig’s documentary, Vincible
- February 16<sup>th</sup>: Mental Health Awareness & Mental Health First Aid- 30 people in attendance (12 participants from outside)
- February 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>: Trip to Nicaragua for planning and scouting next delegation. Mike will handle emergencies with help of Pastor Dana
- March 6<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday services at 11am and 7pm. Spaghetti supper at 6:15pm.
- March 9<sup>th</sup>: Northern Illinois Congregation Resourcing Event at Kishwaukee Community College.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Financial Planning Workshop rescheduled from February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Youth Ministry Coordinator’s Report (Highlights):** Mike Markwell shared his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

Future Events: February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>: Preaching / March 6th: Ash Wednesday fundraiser and service / March 14<sup>th</sup>: Lenten soup dinner / March 21<sup>st</sup>: Lenten soup dinner / March 28<sup>th</sup>: Lenten soup dinner

Current Projects: High School Youth Group: two monthly meeting for youth group, one will be on a Friday (social event where youth are encouraged to bring friends) and other meeting will be a monthly service project (done on a Sunday afternoon). / Vacation Bible School: will be meeting with a few volunteers this week to discuss themes and recruit key volunteers.

**President’s Report:** President Kirk’s mailbox included an item regarding meeting adjournment and Robert’s Rules of Order. According to his research, when the end of an agenda is reached, the president (or chair) may ask whether there’s any more business and if no one else speaks up, the presiding officer can declare the meeting adjourned.

### **Council discussion of Ministry teams:**

- a **Communications (Dan):** no updates to report, no recommendation to council.
- b **Community Builders aka Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring (Rick/Amber):** met on February 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the following events/program:
  - March 9<sup>th</sup> – Hollywood Blvd Movie Fundraiser (Dawn to print 50 tickets to be sold at SOTH and an Eventbrite link was shared)
  - March 30<sup>th</sup> – Family Bunco. Flyer will be added to the bulletin
  - April 20<sup>th</sup>– Annual Kids Easter Event, Rick will prepare flyer to be shared with local schools.

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- May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5K “May the Force Be with You” Run at 9:00am and Eventbrite link will be developed and shared, need black and white designed, Rick will check with Splash Custom Ts, need to see if it is necessary to have any first aid/staff for the run, Amber will hold a recruiting meeting to organize the event on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Family Sabbath Movie Night @ 5:00pm, Pastor to recruit for the meal
- April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Giving Tree, Pastor to reach out to Jamie (Milne Grove principal) for teacher counts
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – at 5pm looking to schedule a private pool party at Heritage Falls for SOTH members.
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**c Stewardship (Pastor):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

**d Learning & Youth (Rick/Amber):** Rick is working with the PALMS Squad to practice for upcoming performances, no recommendations to council.

**e Preschool (Nell):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

**f Property (Kevin):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

**g Worship (Pastor):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

### **Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:**

a. **Finance/Audit (Nancy)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

b. **Memorial Gifts (Cheryl)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

c. **Personnel (Ken)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

d. **Nomination (Phil)** – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

e. **Endowment (Tom)** – no updates to report since meeting will be on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, no recommendations to council.

### **Old Business:**

- a. Mike’s replacement beginning Summer 2019: see Youth Ministry report above
- b. Formation of Building Security sub-committee: Amber Nickel, Kevin Helfert, and Nancy Baumgart will be co-chairing this sub-committee and schedule a meeting time. Motion to approve this sub-committee was made by Tom Gustafson and Rick McManis (2<sup>nd</sup>).
- c. Feb. 16 Troy Siewert – Mental Health First Aid report: see Pastor’s Report.

### **New Business:**

- a. Possibility of becoming an internship site for Wartburg Seminary's new 4-year collaborative learning program: motion to approve made by Nancy Baumgart and Nell Pieper (2<sup>nd</sup>).
- b. Panera fund raiser approval: event set for Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with flyer shared within bulletin and May 4th Fun Run approval, motion to approve made by Dan Rogan and Tom Gustafson (2<sup>nd</sup>).
- c. Service provider change from AT&T to Comcast: motion to approve change made by Rick McManis and Dan Rogan (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 8:21pm and was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Amber Nickel-Gayhart / Secretary





Greetings,

Lent is finally here, and we are starting gear up for the summer. Once again, our youth programs will offer a range of activities for youth of all ages:

June 16-21: Confirmation camp at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center in Oregon, IL.

June 23-29: High school mission trip to Middletown, Ohio.

July 15-19: Vacation Bible school.

June 6/5, 6/12, 7/10, and 7/17: F5 summer youth group.

Over the past several summers our youth programming has really become a point of spiritual growth for our youth. When we first envisioned what youth ministry would be like here at Shepherd of the Hill, we knew we wanted to provide substantive programming throughout the summer. We never would have dreamed was how big an impact our programming has had on our youth, and how much our summer ministry has grown over the past four summers.

Part of what has made our summers successful is that we have been able to raise funds to make our camps and trips possible. Each year our goal is to raise about ½ the total cost of our trips and camps, while the families of the participants cover the other half. We have many fundraisers on our schedule this spring. Our intention with these fundraisers is to not only provide a meal or service for the church, but to facilitate fellowship and community. All our fundraisers will be a free will offering:

March 6, 6:15pm: Ash Wednesday Pasta Supper

March 14, 6:15: Lenten Soup Supper

March 21, 6:15: Lenten Soup Supper

March 28, 6:15: Lenten Soup Supper

April 4, 6:15: Lenten Soup Supper

April 11, 6:15: Lenten Soup Supper

April 17, 6:00: Seder Meal

April 21, 10:00 Easter Brunch

We are thankful for the support of the congregation, those who provide our soups and sandwiches for the meals, the parents and youth who volunteer, and Thrivent Financial who provides funding for many of our events.

We are excited for what summer in 2019 has to offer our youth,

Mike Markwell  
Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Bible Quiz**

In John 9, Jesus' disciples ask whether a certain man or his parents sinned, causing his disability. Jesus says, "Neither. ... [It was] so that God's works might be revealed in him." What was this man's disability?

- A. Deafness
- B. Lameness
- C. Blindness
- D. Epilepsy

Answer: C (See John 9:1-7.)

Services 11:00am and 7:00pm  
Pasta Supper 6:15pm



# PUZZLE

## Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

**Directions:** After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.


Day 1 (light) \_\_\_\_ Day 2 (waters) \_\_\_\_ Day 3 (land and plants) \_\_\_\_ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) \_\_\_\_

Day 5 (birds and water animals) \_\_\_\_ Day 6 (land animals and people) \_\_\_\_ Day 7 (God rested) \_\_\_\_

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

## DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.






### What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1-2:3 for reference)

### What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	<b>4</b> Panera Family Fundraiser 7pm—Dartball 	<b>5</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7pm—Preschool Board	<b>6</b> ASH WED. Services 11am/7pm Pasta Supper 6pm 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—NO 6/7/8 Conf 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Executive Committee 7pm—Small Group/Men 7pm—Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 9am—Dominoes	<b>9</b> Capt. Marvel Movie Morning 10:30am @ Hollywood Theater 9am—Communication Committee 10am—Visitation Group 5pm—Worship
<b>10</b> SPRING FORWARD 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 11:40am—Beginner Bells 11:45am—Community Builders Meeting	<b>11</b> 7pm—Dartball	<b>12</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg	<b>13</b> 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 6pm—Small Group/Woman 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service 7pm—Cub Scouts	<b>15</b> 9am—Dominoes 4:30pm—Mead G/S	<b>16</b> 3:30pm—Wedding 5pm—Worship
<b>17</b>  9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations	<b>18</b> 7pm—Dartball	<b>19</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Church Council 7pm—Deborah Circle	<b>20</b> 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 5pm—Soderstrom G/S 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service 7pm—Cub Scouts	<b>22</b> 9am—Dominoes	<b>23</b> Financial Workshop 5pm—Worship
<b>24</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	<b>25</b> 7pm—Dartball	<b>26</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7pm—Ruth Circle	<b>27</b> 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12pm—Caregiver Group 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service 7pm—Cub Scouts	<b>29</b> 9am—Dominoes	<b>30</b> 5pm—Sabbath Family Bunko Night
<b>31</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells						





## VOLUNTEERS: VERY VALUABLE!

Date	Assisting Minister 9am Only	Communion Assistant 9am	Lay Reader 9am Only	AV Operator All Services	Counters Weekly
3/2-3/3	Dave Helfert	Lynn Reed Kirstin Mack	Nancy Monken	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Nathan Helfert	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
3/9-3/10 1st Sun Lent	Mike Markwell	Donna Woods Tina Baker	Jan Rauworth	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Nathan Helfert	Ed Grabenhofer Don Lawler
3/16-3/17 2nd Sun Lent	Linda Bunting	Harold Sager Jeri Rigoni	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Chris Toso
3/23-3/24 3rd Sun Lent	Nancy Monken	Gary Haut Bryan Rauworth	Jan Sleezer	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
3/30-3/31 4th Sun Lent	Gary Wintersteen	Nancy Baumgart D. Rothlisberger	Kirstin Mack	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Ed Grabenhofer Don Lawler
4/6-4/7 5th Sun Lent	Jeri Rigoni	Bill Bunting Linda Bunting	Susan Mead	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:30am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Chris Toso
4/13-4/14 Palm Sunday	Harold Sager	Lynn Reed Jan Rauworth	Susan Forbes	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt
4/20 Easter Vigil	Mike Markwell	????	Carole Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer	
4/21 Easter 9am	Dave Helfert	Gary Haut Tina Baker	M. Wintersteen	Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth	Ed Grabenhofer Don Lawler
Easter 4/21 11am	Susan Mead	Dave Helfert Dan Gaddis	Gary Haut	Sun. 11am Kris Glowczynski	
4/27-4/28	Nancy Monken	Harold Sager Donna Woods	Jim Forbes	5pm Jerry Liston 9am Phil Sleezer 10:35am Nathan Helfert	Sharon Grabenhofer John Yudt



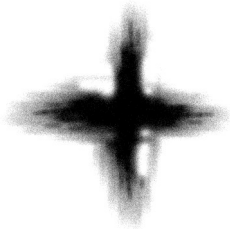
## Executive Committee Members

Steve Kirk ..... President  
Rick McManis..... Vice President  
Amber Gayhart ..... Secretary  
Nancy Baumgart .....Treasurer

## Council Member

Ken Bobak                      Nell Pieper  
Tom Guftafson                Kevin Helfert  
Dan Rogan                      Tom Guftafson  
Cheryl Zacharias

Council Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the  
Month at 6:30PM



## To God you shall return

The traditional Ash Wednesday words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can’t untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don’t have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin’s power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we’re always safe in God’s love.



- 3/1 Thomas Calderaro
- 3/2 Tawnya Novander, Gunnar Waldvogel
- 3/3 Kathleen Likins, Marion Skelton
- 3/5 Brandon Marolda, Erik Pintoy
- 3/8 Francesca Martino, Carol West
- 3/9 Nancy Naylor
- 3/10 Austin Johnson, Maximillian Pappageorge
- 3/12 Carol Liston
- 3/13 Adelyn Fuss, Alan Mead
- 3/14 Katherine Tarrant
- 3/15 Patty Redig
- 3/16 Elliott White
- 3/17 Norma Burkhardt, Donna Helfert, Ronald Ripke
- 3/18 Tori Anians
- 3/19 Esther Williams
- 3/20 Judy D’Amico
- 3/22 Mary Ann Anderson, Ginger Kelm
- 3/23 Nolan Fuss, Sharon Marolda
- 3/25 Georgia Alberico
- 3/26 Brandon Jones
- 3/28 Samantha Calderaro
- 3/29 Dorothy Bell, Harvey Bolton
- 3/30 Gary Flink, Lora Hajek, Nell Pieper
- 3/31 Miranda Andrews, Stephanie Canales, Douglas Meurer



- 3/1 April and Mile Cole
- 3/27 Lisa and Gregg Bickus



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### Mission

"To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

### Vision

"Transforming Lives, Families And Our  
Community Through Jesus Christ"



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Saturday**  
5:00PM

**Sunday**  
9:00AM and 10:35AM

**Sunday School**  
10:30AM

Childcare Available

## GOOD TIDINGS

Join SHEPHERD OF THE HILL for a  
**MOVIE MATINEE PARTY**  
 Saturday, March 9, 2019  
**Captain Marvel**

Cost: \$18.00 - Includes:  
 Movie, popcorn, 1 soft drink, 1 large slice of cheese pizza and a return movie pass

Time: 9:30 am—12:30 pm  
 Location: Hollywood Blvd  
 1001 W 75th Street  
 Woodridge, IL

It is open theater seating  
 Movie will start promptly at 10:30 am

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"It's better to  
bite your  
tongue than  
to eat your  
words."

—Frank Sonnenberg