

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

& The Vineyard Preschool

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LENT AND THE THREE DAYS

Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10: 34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

In addition to these central three days, the church has long used special orders of worship on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and on the Sunday of the passion, Palm Sunday.

Pattern for Worship – Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins the season of Lent. On this day we confess our sin in a litany of repentance. During Lent's forty days we are invited to carry out the Lenten discipline, practices of fasting, prayer, and works of love, even as we accompany people around the world who are preparing for baptism at Easter. On this day we may receive the sign of ashes. This ancient symbol of repentance reminds of us our mortality. Returning to God's mercy and grace, marked with the cross of Christ, we make our way through Lent, longing for the baptismal waters of Easter, our spiritual rebirth.

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pages 247 – 248.

Ash Wednesday is March 9. Worship begins at 7 pm.

Your Pastor and friend, *Ronald E. Koch*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March, 2011</h1>						
		1 N.A. 6 pm	2 Vineyard Children's Choir 3pm G. S. Youth Choir 4:30 N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	3 N.A. 8 pm	4 N.A. 8 pm	5 N.A. 9:30 am FlowersNeeded N.A. 8 pm
6 9:30 am Worship 11:15 Confirmation N. A. 4 pm	7 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	8 N.A. 6 pm	9 3pm Vineyard Children's Choir G. S. Youth Choir 4:30 N.A. 7 & 8:30 p <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Worship 7 pm	10 N.A. 8 pm	11 N.A. 8 pm	12 N. A. 9:30 am FlowersNeeded N.A. 8 pm
13 9:30 am Worship, <u>1st</u> <u>Sunday in Lent;</u> 11:15 Forum N. A. 4 pm	14 N.A. 6 & 8 pm Board of Directors 7:30	15 N.A. 6 pm	16 Vineyard Children's Choir 3pm G. S. Youth Choir 4:30 pm N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	17 N.A. 8 pm	18 N.A. 8 pm	19 N.A. 9:30 am Flowers, Patti Johansen N.A. 8 pm
20 9:30 Worship 3rd S. BRUNCH TEAM 3 NA 4 pm	21 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	22 N. A. 6 pm	23 Vineyard Children's Choir 3pm G. S. Youth Choir 4:30 pm N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	24 N.A. 8 pm	25 N.A. 8 pm	26 N.A. 9:30 am FlowersNeeded N.A. 8 pm
27 9:30 Worship 11:15 Confirmation NA 4 pm	28 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	29 N. A. 6 pm	30 Vineyard Children's Choir 3pm G. S. Youth Choir 4:30 pm N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	31 N.A. 8 pm		

March Birthdays

2 Lore Baur 5 Walter Worth 16 Vickie Morton 20 Ian Hopkins
23 Erin Koch 28 Lenore Penkethman 31 Gino Mininni

March Anniversaries

None

March Assisting Ministers

Date	Flowers	Acolytes	Lectors	Coffee Time	Clean up	Ushers
6	NEEDED	Kyra Guerra	Steve Andrade	<u>Set up</u> Sally Hammelev	Weylands	Karen & Sabrina Spence
9	Ash Wednesday			NO Coffee time		
13	NEEDED	Mikaela Silacci	Rozanne Koch	D. Andrade	NEEDED	NEEDED
20	Johansen	James Guerra	Patty Johansen	3 rd Sunday Brunch	Team 3	Steve & Debbie Andrade
27	NEEDED	Nicole Critzer	Steve Andrade	Sharon Kaekel	Debbie Andrade	Karen & Nicci Spence

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Our adopted budget for 2011 is \$ 121,310
Total Passive Income Stream: \$ -36,910
Offerings needed \$ 84,400
Offering expectation \$104,000 (based on last 3 years)
Divided by 52 weeks: \$2,000.00 / week.

Stewardship Update through February, 2011

Average attendance for 9 Weeks: 30
Offering expected weekly at \$2,000/week: \$18,000
Actual Offering: \$13,817
Shortfall: \$4,183
Average shortfall per week: \$464

BISHOP'S VISIT IS SCHEDULED

We have a date for the visit from **ELCA Sierra-Pacific Synod Bishop Mark Holmerud**. He will be with us in worship on **Sunday, April 10**. Bishop Mark will preach that Sunday, and then meet with the congregation during a special coffee time in the Social Hall. After that, he will meet with the Board of Directors over lunch. We look forward to this opportunity for an open Q and A time so that our questions can be addressed.



News from Newsletters

IN AUGUST, 1951, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED AND HELD ITS FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE. THAT WAS NEARLY 60 YEARS AGO. IT'S OUR 60TH YEAR OF SERVING JESUS IN THIS COMMUNITY THIS FALL. WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO TO MARK AND CELEBRATE THIS EVENT IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION? SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE ARE SEEKING INPUT FROM YOU.

2011 This Year	2010 Last Year
Jan. ave. attendance: 30	Jan. ave. att.: 38
January Offering: \$6,851	Offering: \$9,170
Feb. ave. attendance: 30	Feb. Ave. Att.: 41
Feb. Offering: \$6966	Offering: \$9,623

From Christ Lutheran Church in Aptos, news that their congregation celebrated its 45th Anniversary. Maybe we could find out how they celebrated and get some ideas for our 60th.

Also noted is news that Donna Mininni and Vince Mininni will be received into membership at Christ Lutheran on Sunday, March 6th. We wish God's blessing for Donna and Vince in their new church home.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At February's meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed the appointment of **Jack Penkethman as Financial Secretary**. Jack outlined an accounting proposal to the Board to bring both preschool and church into conformity with good accounting practices. The Board will have accounting of all of our financial activity in one place. Thank you, Jack, for volunteering to be our accountant.

The Board also gave the nod to the Vineyard Preschool committee to seek a new Vineyard Preschool Director who will also work for the church as a coordinator of our Education ministry to children and families. We will advertise at our 4 West Coast Lutheran colleges for this full-time position. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the time will be as Director/teacher at the Vineyard, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the time will be in congregational work. This key person will enhance the church - school connection and be a welcoming presence in the school for young families seeking a church home, as well as a consistent reminder to the congregation of our Vineyard preschool ministry.

The other item of interest was the Board's action to receive the wood-carving, "**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**" from the former Trinity Lutheran Church in Hollister. We have been asked to be the new home for this memorial work by artist and former Trinity Pastor, Russ Aldrich. The memorial is for Joy Twist, a long-time-ago member of Good Shepherd, former member of Trinity, and was commissioned in her memory by her husband, Dean Twist. At the February Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to receive this gift for the edification of our congregation, now that Trinity is closed. The work will be mounted on an appropriate wall in the near future.