

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## 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.

*From Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 247.*

The Three Days liturgy is the absolute center of our life as Christians. In Evangelical Lutheran Worship, there is a special section devoted to Lent and the Three Days. It's that important! The 40 days of Lent lead up to the Three Days, and the 50 days of Easter flow out of the Three Days. Here is a time set aside for renewal and recommitment for Christians. Here we can focus on what God has done for us in Jesus. Here we can see, hear, taste and even touch and smell God's work of salvation, of healing the world. Here we can renew our sense of being blessed to become a blessing. We focus on the purpose of our lives.

The liturgy for the Three Days is designed to get into the center of what's important in our lives as God's people. Amid the uncertainty and distortions and distractions, the Three Days clears and straightens and focuses. We are called to participate in this counter-cultural event as the needed remedy to our own lack of commitment and dedication and passion for the Gospel. The Three Days values the Word from God about God's plan to heal the world. It cherishes God's story that is ancient, and yet is so current and up to date in light of the world's needs. The Three Days calls out to us to be seriously dedicated and passionate about the most important and meaningful aspects of our lives.

We need a way to find purpose and calling. What better way than to follow God's plan and path. From the beginning God planned to bring us to wholeness. The path was to call a people to be instruments of this restoration. From this people came one who fulfilled the promise. Jesus certainly went about it in a way that stuns us: Including all people; lifting up the folks society has deemed worthless, invalid (please read that two ways), and oppressed. This is our community, and our calling too. How do we find our way back to that basic idea? The Three Days is central to our understanding and calling. Make this year a life changing time of rededication and commitment and passion for God's plan and your part in it.

Your Pastor and friend,

*Ronald E. Koch*

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule at Good Shepherd  
**Passion/Palm Sunday** 9:30 next Sunday; Procession with Palms  
**Three Days Liturgy, 7 pm each evening: Maundy Thursday (4/21)**  
**Good Friday (4/22), and the Vigil of Easter (4/23)**, (Holy Saturday).  
**Easter Sunday, one service** at 9:30 a.m. **Easter Breakfast** at 11 am.  
**Easter egg hunt** also begins at about 11 am.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April, 2011</b>					<b>1</b> N.A. 8 pm	<b>2</b> Flowers Stuenkel fam.
<b>3</b> 9:30 am Worship 11:15 Adult Forum N. A. 4 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> N.A. 6 pm	<b>6</b> G. S. Youth Choir 4:30 Choir 7:30 pm N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	<b>7</b> N.A. 8 pm	<b>8</b> N.A. 8 pm	<b>9</b> N.A. 9:30 am Flowers - Duane Brown N.A. 8 pm
<b>10</b> 9:30 am Worship 11:15 Meet with the Bishop N. A. 4 pm	<b>11</b> N.A. 6 & 8 pm	<b>12</b> N.A. 6 pm	<b>13</b> 3pm Vineyard Children's Choir G. S. Youth & Men's Choir 4:30 N.A. 7 & 8:30	<b>14</b> N.A. 8 pm	<b>15</b> N.A. 8 pm	<b>16</b> N. A. 9:30 am Flowers Needed N.A. 8 pm
<b>17</b> 9:30 am Passion Sunday Worship, 11:15 Confirm. N. A. 4 pm	<b>18</b> N.A. 6 & 8 pm Board of Directors 7:30	<b>19</b> N.A. 6 pm	<b>20</b> 3pm Vineyard Children's Choir G. S. Youth & Men's Choir 4:30 N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	<b>21</b> Maundy Thursday <u>Worship 7 pm</u> N.A. 8 pm	<b>22</b> Good Friday <u>Worship –</u> 12, St. Mary <u>7 pm Good</u> Shepherd N.A. 8 pm	<b>23</b> N.A. 9:30 am <u>Vigil of Easter</u> <u>Worship 7 pm</u> N.A. 8 pm <i>Bring Lilies for Easter</i>
<b>24</b> 9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship <b>EASTER BRUNCH</b> <b>AT 11</b> NA 4 pm	<b>25</b> N.A. 6 & 8 pm	<b>26</b> N. A. 6 pm	<b>27</b> Vineyard Children's Choir 3pm G. S. Youth Choir 4:30 pm N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	<b>28</b> N.A. 8 pm	<b>29</b> N.A. 8 pm	<b>30</b> N.A. 9:30 am Flowers Patti Johansen N.A. 8 pm

#### April Birthdays

6, Jennifer Penkethman 14, Lisa (Stuenkel) Craig 20, Bill Workman  
20, Don Larson 29, Pastor Koch

#### April Anniversaries

24 Fred and Marlyn Prah 29 Bill and Elinor Workman

#### March Assisting Ministers

Date	Flowers	Acolytes	Lectors	Coffee Time Set up	Clean up	Ushers
3	Stuenkel	Ben Anderson	Joanne Brooks	Michelle Anderson	Needed	John Hopkins
10	D. Brown	Kyra Guerra	Carolyn Carver	Debbie Andrade	Duane Brown	Karen & Nicci Spence
17	Needed	Nicole Critzer	Patty Johansen	Sally Hammelev	Mariah Bettencourt	Mariah & James Bettencourt
<u>Holy Week Worship</u> , 7 pm each of The Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Vigil of Easter (Saturday) <b>Ushers Needed</b>						
27	Lilies Please	Ben Anderson	Rozanne Koch	EASTER BRUNCH	Potluck	Steve & Debbie Andrade

## BISHOP'S VISIT IS SUNDAY!

**ELCA Sierra-Pacific Synod Bishop Mark Holmerud** will be with us in worship on **Sunday, April 10**. Bishop Mark will preach 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. Plan to attend and meet the Bishop and bring your questions.

IN AUGUST, 1951, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED AND HELD ITS FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE. THAT WAS NEARLY 60 YEARS AGO. IT'S OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> 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.

*See the Board of Directors report below!*



### 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 March, 2011

Average attendance for 13 Weeks: 31  
 Offering expected weekly at \$2,000/week: \$26,000  
 Actual Offering: \$20,688  
 Shortfall: \$5,312  
 Average shortfall per week: \$409

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
March ave. attendance: 31	March ave. Att: 41
March Offering: \$6,871	Offering: \$7,129

### Easter Preparations Underway

1. Everyone, please bring a Brunch dish to share with our visitors on Easter Sunday after worship for our annual Easter brunch.
2. Karen Spence and Amy Low Critzer are preparing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt during the Easter Sunday Brunch.
3. Please bring your Easter lilies on Holy Saturday to adorn the altar for the Vigil.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At March's meeting, the Board of Directors gave direction to the Board of Elders to determine voting members. Our By-laws require regular attendance at Holy Communion and financial support of record. The Board of Elders will refer to records of attendance and contributions to assemble a list of Voting members for upcoming meetings.

The Board heard Financial Secretary Jack Penkethman's plan to unify the church/school budget beginning in June. It will likely be a three month process.

Vice President Vic Lase outlined plans for a work day to tear out excess shrubbery around our church sign, as well as another workday for mounting the woodcarving above the church door in the narthex.

Finally, the Board agreed that Good Shepherd will observe its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next fall. We are seeking volunteers to determine how we will celebrate.

### THANKS TO THE CREW

The CREW (Consistent, Reliable, Energetic Workers) of Vic Lase, Jack Rymers, Steve Andrade, and Herm Weyland, has mounted the wood carving above the door in the narthex. They also cleared some of the excess shrubbery by the street sign. You are invited to become CREW members soon. There is always a need. Thanks.