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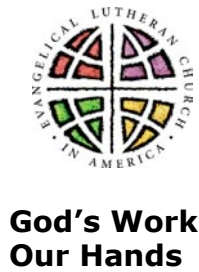


Weekend E-Newsletter • February 28, 2010, 2010 • Second Sunday of Lent • Worship: 9AM- ELW Service; 10 AM-Sunday School; 11 AM -Sing 'N Rejoice

OUR MISSION

- To invite all people to know the unconditional love of Christ;
- To share Christ's love through words and deeds;
- To empower people to serve Christ in the world.

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Luke 13:31-35

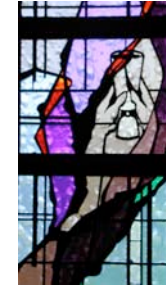
February 21, 2010

Sermon on the Amount

Needed weekly \$6703
Debt Reduction 560

TOTAL RECEIVED \$8720
Needed for Budget **\$6511**
Worship Attendance 197
Sunday School 72
To Make Budget **\$11012**
Owed Reserve Fund 17,500

Please help us make up a lost Sunday February 7th.



www.mar-lu-ridge.org

The old woman and the spider

A young woman is walking along the river near her village when she sees an old woman. She is struck by the radiance of the old woman's face - her eyes and smile reflect great tranquility and grace.



The old woman has bent over some branches that stretch out into a fast flowing eddy. The old woman's hand reaches into the branches, and then, suddenly pulls her hand out. As the young woman moves closer, she sees what is happening: A spider has impaled itself on a thorn and the old woman is trying to free it - but every time she attempts to lift to spider off the thorn, the spider bites her. She removes her hand, sucks the poisonous blood from her finger, and tries again.

"Dear mother," the young woman asks, "what foolishness is this? Leave the spider to its fate. Every time you try to help it, it repays you with a sharp bite."

The old woman smiles that radiant smile. "Child, it is the spider's nature to bite. But mine is to save. Should I sacrifice the good I possess because of a spider's viciousness?"

Today's Gospel mirrors that struggle to do good in the face of evil, to maintain the val-

ues of God in the midst of Godless Jerusalem, to continue the work of the prophet as the "spiders" seek to destroy both the prophet and the prophesy. In our own lives, there is often a chasm of some depth between what we say we believe and how we live those convictions, between the promises we make and our commitment to work to make those promises realities. Lent calls us to take a hard look at the 'Jerusalems' we have built, the temples and objects we worship; this forty-day journey with the Lord to Easter is a time to cross the divide between the values of God and the values we live, to re-center our lives on the faithfulness, integrity and selflessness demanded by the Gospel we have embraced.

Pastor Ron

Thiel College Coming to Good Shepherd

The forty-two voice Thiel Choir from Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will perform a concert at **7:00 p.m. Saturday evening, March 6, at Good Shepherd**. The performance is part of the Thiel Choir's 2010 spring choir tour. Please mark your calendars. The community will be invited to this performance. The Concert is free admission with a free-will offering received to help defray the choir's travels.

Please join us for an evening of quality choral music from young voices.

Lenten Bible Study During the Wednesday's of Lent Pastor Ron will be leading a study on the book **Why Christian? For Those on the Edge of Faith** by Douglas John Hall. In a passionate and personal way, Hall probes fundamental religious questions and wrestles with the cogency of basic Christian convictions about Jesus and God, about religious belief and the human predicament, about inauthentic forms of Christianity, about what is missing in human life today. **Dates: March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, 7-8:30 PM in the Fireside Room.** Books are available for \$6.00 if desired.

Holy Week-Easter at the Shep

Palm Sunday, March 28th

8:30AM-Palm Sunday Breakfast
9AM - Worship with a contemporary reading of the Passion According to St. Luke;
11AM Sing N Rejoice Worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 1st,

7:30PM - Beautiful Service of Holy Communion and the divestment of the Altar led in music by our Senior Choir.

Good Friday Services, April 2nd

12 Noon - Adoration of the Crucified meditative service on the Passion of John.

7:30PM - **'Journey to the Cross' Grace's Favor Dance Troupe** bringing Good Friday's experience of worship by a women's dance troupe from Silver Spring, MD. Songs featured include 'Thank you for the Cross, 'Old Rugged Cross' and "Through the Fire."

Easter Sunday, April 4th -

9AM - Festival Service for Easter with Holy Communion and Special Music
11AM- Sing N Rejoice Praise Team leads us in the festive songs of contemporary music

Sincere Thanks to our church family for your prayers, before, during and after my back surgery, and your cards and visits during recovery. I am back to work, with still a limited scope of work. God Bless you all!
Gene Schoonover

Frederick Chorale to Perform the Brahms 'Requiem' Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 PM at First Baptist Church, Bowers Rd., Frederick, MD. Adults \$18, Students/Seniors \$12. 301-831-3714 or www.frederickchorale.org. Singing in the Chorale from Good Shepherd includes Janet Rippeon Fisher, Caroline Bailey, Andrea Reaves and Pastor Ron.

Mary Nelson We remember with fondness our former organist, *Mary Nelson*, who died at Homewood at Crumland Farms on Saturday, February 12, 2010 after an extended illness.

Mary's passions included music, especially the voice of the organ, and the gift of nature. She had many friends at Good Shepherd. Her music provided inspiration for many worship services across the years until she retired in November 2000. She was predeceased by her husband, George Nelson. They were both charter members of Good Shepherd. She is survived by her son, *John T. Nelson*, from Virginia and her daughter *Kristy Canales* and her family also from Virginia. A Service of Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 1PM in the Church Nave of Good Shepherd Church.**

Evangelism Ministry is looking for new partners. We have some missions that are unfulfilled. If you are interested in joining please contact Terri at tbaker1130@aol.com or 301-663-4013 or Pastor Ron. *Terri Baker*

Prayer Concerns: *Gary Stone, surgery at Georgetown Hospital, D.C., Michele Kimmel, hand surgery; Janet Rippeon Fisher, Washington Hospital Center; Gerry Marose, recovering from shoulder surgery, Barbara Underwood, recovering from colon surgery; Charlotte Ahalt, health concerns; John Day, brother of Janet Fisher-Day; Paul Miller and Greg Miller, brothers of Evie Timberlake, Molly, cousin of Bobbie Donaldson, Ron Knerr, Bernie Abrecht; Lee Brohawn; Lucas Phelan; Sandy Kessler, Kathleen Shook; Dale Lutz, Carolyn Hellman. Prayer requests, phone: Peggy Beers (301) 663-9741/Marilyn Ayres (301) 663-1997; E-mail Evie Timberlake 2timbers@verizon.net.*

Adult I Sunday School meets Sundays at 10AM in the Community Room. They will begin a new film series YESHUA (JESUS)

THE PROMISE, THE LAND, THE MESSIAH. The series is for five weeks.

Adult II Sunday School meets in the Fireplace Room, 10:15 AM - open discussion of contemporary issues from NPR's "Speaking of Faith". All are welcome

Homebound: *Becky Molesworth, Polly Carmack; Charles Thompson; Alice Wiloughby; Agnes Gamer; JoEllen Glusceovich; Jo Adams; Belva Bell; Marjorie Deater; Kathleen Shook, Citizens; Barbara Adams, at home; Rena Hall, now at Tranquility Care, Jefferson Pike, Frederick. Dolores Beach is now at #B2, Somerford Place in Whittier.*

Remember Our Military Members: Prayers for *Jeffrey Feser* deployed to Iraq. His address is **1st Lt. Jeffrey Feser, HHC 1sst BDE 1AD/Bravo 6-1 CAV (RSTA0 FOB Warrior, Iraq APO AE 09338.** 'Lord, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them even as they protect us. Bless them and their families during the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

Padula Concert Rescheduled Bethel Lutheran, 9664 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, is hosting a concert by acclaimed tenor **Cristoforo Padula** rescheduled for **Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 3PM.** Mr. Padula has sung with the New York City Opera and La Scala in Italy. He has sung for U.S. Presidents and was understudy for Luciano Pavarotti. Mr. Padula will sing arias as well as Broadway and popular songs. A reception follows. The concert is free with a free-will offering collected for Lutheran World Relief designated/Haiti. Information: 301 694-8280.

ELCA Good Gifts/World Hunger

Appeal Lenten Calendar 40 day Lenten Calendars are available in the Narthex. Each day has wonderful suggestions to help us be more aware of the needs of others, and all that we have that we take for granted! When it suggests giving an offering to a specific cause, you could wait and give once at the end of the 40 days. This is a great family project! Blessings, Your Social Ministry Committee.

Emergency Kits, Lutheran World

Relief. Social Ministry Team has decided to help replenish depleted **Health Kits**. All kits require these items: **one hand towel, one washcloth (dark color), one bath-size bar of soap (4-5 ox.) in original wrapping, one sturdy comb (remove packaging), one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (no children's), one metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached (no cardboard emery boards or files, six Band-aids (1/2" to 3/4"- secure together**

with rubber bands (INCLUDE NO TOOTH-PASTE, only items mentioned above.

All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap smaller items in washcloths. Wrap washcloth and remaining items in the hand-towel. Tie securely with ribbons or yarn. **Do not place in plastic bags** Sample kits will be displayed in Gathering Area. *Pat Schoonover at 301-473-8736.*

2010 Flower Chart is posted on the first Kiosk Info Square as you enter the church Gathering Area. Please sign up if you wish to sponsor flowers for Sundays in 2010. Cost of flowers is \$20.00 per basket.

Looking for a Bible Study? We have five 'NeighborTalk' groups currently available: **NeighborTalk South** *Carl and Michele Hildedrand, 5403 Georgetown Rd. Adamstown, MD 21710 • 301-831-8628* **NeighborTalk Northeast** *Terri Baker, 2627 Mill Race Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, 301-663-4013* **NeighborTalk Northwest** *Sue and Dan Steffen, 5511 Bootjack Drive, Frederick, MD 21702* **NeighborTalk North** *Janet and Brit Fisher, 11232 Angleberger Rd., Thurmont, MD, 301-304-0374* **NeighborTalk East (Spring Ridge)** *Diane and Attilio DeMarco, 6408 Fairbanks Ln., Frederick, MD 21701 • 301-696-8886.* Sign-up's available in the Gathering Area of our Church.

2009 Contribution Statements

are being processed and sent by our volunteer *Financial Secretary, Bill Thelemann.* The Post Office has not been cooperative about sending these out bulk mail. So we are sending them individually first class. If you have not received yours by next week call 301-620-1535 or Email thelemann@comcast.net.

Attilio DeMarco has agreed to serve as our new Worship Scheduling Coordinator, a position faithfully served by Kerri Eyler for a number of years. Attilio will be organizing the worship schedule for May through August during March and April.

Passion Play August 2010 Seats still available for Pastor Ron's 2010 trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, August 4-14 that includes visits to Prague, Budapest and Vienna- with continuing visits to Oberammergau and Munich. Reservations still open for the trip. Brochures available in the Gathering Area. Pastor Ron ronrv@comcast.net or www.travron.com or 301-663-9566.

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