

THE SHEP NEWS



Weekend E-Newsletter • March 7, 2010, 2010 • Third 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.



God's Work
Our Hands

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Luke 13:1-9

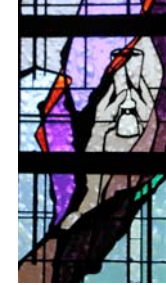
February 28, 2010

Sermon on the Amount

Needed weekly \$6703
Debt Reduction 560

TOTAL RECEIVED \$4804
Needed for Budget **\$6511**
Worship Attendance 210
Sunday School 76
To Make Budget **\$11012**
Owed Reserve Fund 17,500

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



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God fills in the gaps

A university professor serves as an advisor to adult students whose careers and educations have not always proceeded in uninterrupted, uncomplicated straight line. In applying for doctoral programs or jobs, they ask her, how do they account for the two, or the ten, missing years on their resumes? How should they explain those "gaps"?



The professor believes those "gaps" are as much a part of learning as any classroom or lab experience. She writes:

"How I wish I could always answer them, Tell the truth. Say, I took in a child whose mother was in prison and sang her to sleep every night while she cried . . . I battled an addiction, and I won . . . My marriage made in heaven turned to hell . . . I lived in a monastery in Thailand where I came to see that all things, all things, are empty and underserving of our outrageous attachment to them . . . I took photos of skulls left by the Khmer Rouge.

"These are all true stories of the things my students have done during the 'gaps' in their resumes. These experiences are how hearts are broken, and re-made; how souls are forged; how we become human beings with credible beliefs about existence itself. The gaps on the resume are abysses into which we fall from time to time, and in the process, fall into the hands of the living God."

[Kimberly C. Patton, Professor of the Comparative and Historical Study of Religion, Harvard Divinity School, writing in

The Harvard Divinity School Bulletin, Winter 2005.]

There are many "gaps" in our lives — places where we lose our way, times when we are hurting, spaces in which we find ourselves alone and abandoned, abysses of despair and doubt and cynicism. But it is such "gaps" that God fills with his grace — grace in the form of healing in the understanding and support of compassionate family and friends, direction in the wisdom of selfless parents and teachers, strength we discover within ourselves to carry on. This Sunday's parable of the fig tree has been called the "Gospel of the second chance." The life of God is always about starting over again, about re-creation, about growth and discovery, about the grace to make things right. We always live in the limitless hope and unconditional mercy of God who keeps giving us "second chances" to rise from the ashes of our wrongs to rebuild and reform our lives.

Pastor Ron

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. Dates: **March 10th, 17th and 24th, 7-8:30 PM in the Fireside Room.** Books are available for \$6.00 if desired.

Senior Luncheon: 'Quilts!' Wed., March 17th, 12N Community Room. We will be sharing family stories using quilts. Please bring a quilt, wall hanging or other quilted family heirloom and tell us the story of your family. Bring a dish to share and a friend. Julie Howell jhowell1950@msn.com.

Thiel College Choir At Good Shepherd Saturday

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. this 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.**

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

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*

Easter Flowers Please use the form in the bulletin insert at worship for orders: Make check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Lilies - \$7.99, Tulips (6") \$6.39; Tulips (4") \$3.99, Daffodils- Bi-Color (6") \$6.39, Min Daffodils- Yellow \$6.39; Geraniums- Red or Pink \$5.00; Hydrangea Pink or Blue \$15.99*

Forms are available through the church office (301) 663-3344. Deadline MARCH 28.

Prayer Concerns: *Gary Stone, ICU at Georgetown University Hospital, D.C., Michele Kimmel, hand surgery; Janet Rippeon Fisher, Gerry Marose, recovering from shoulder surgery, Barbara Underwood, Charlotte Ahalt, health concerns; John Day, brother of Janet Fisher-Day; Katharyn Rentzell, granddaughter of Pat and Gene Schoonover, Lucas Phe-lan, Washington Childrens Hospital; 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 Wil-loughby; 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 1st 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 TOOTHPASTE, 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 Attilo 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. ronrv@comcast.net or www.travron.com or 301-663-9566.

Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp

It's that time of year again. Time to start looking at Summer Camp and registering for a spot in one of the camps this summer. Good Shepherd will contribute \$100 dollars toward tuition for each camper. Brochures with registration forms are available on the Education Ministry Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area. Questions? Check with Lucretia Reaves or email ldreaves@comcast.net or phone 301-663-9566. She can also fill out and sign the part of the registration blank where it asks how much the church will pay.

Shepherd Brew Night Friday, March 19th, 7:30-9:30PM in the Community Room.

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