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Vision Statement
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is committed to living out the unconditional love and radical hospitality of Jesus in our worship, in our shared life, and in our service to the world.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY March 25	8:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 am	Education Hour
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist
MAUNDY THURSDAY March 29	7:00 pm	TRIDUUM: Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing
GOOD FRIDAY March 30	12:15 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:00 pm	TRIDUUM: Adoration of the Crucified
HOLY SATURDAY March 31	8:00 pm	TRIDUUM: The Great Vigil of Easter (refreshments following in Martín Luther Rm)
EASTER DAY April 1	8:15 am	Holy Eucharist: Festival Service
	9:30 am	Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt
	11:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Festival Service

from the PASTOR

Good Shepherd Friends,

Blessings to you in this season of repentance and renewal. May the Lenten disciplines you have adopted help open you so that God may work in you the spiritual growth for which you hope.

Just as Lent is a separate time, with a specific purpose, so too, in many ways, is this period of our ministry. We are in an interim time in which we seek to discern the future of our ministry and the staff that will best serve us moving forward. We have been given time to thoughtfully and prayerfully do so by the blessings of an interim staff that includes Chad Fothergill, Interim Organist through the end of May. While this may be an “interim” time, our life and ministry go on, thanks to many of you.

Why take time to reflect and to pray before moving forward with search processes? Because the staffing configurations that have served us well in the past will not necessarily serve us well in the future. Where do we need to put energy and expertise now? Are there candidates available? What can we afford? These questions—and more—are being discussed by a Staffing Task Force and your Congregation Council. I expect that the first position we will fill will be that of a part-time musician, with a search to begin after Easter. Plan to attend a forum on staffing at 9:30, Sunday morning, April 8, to hear more and to join the conversation.

As we engage such questions about our future, much is happening in the present. We gather for worship Saturdays and Sundays, and also Wednesdays in Lent. We come together regularly to learn and to serve. Family, Faith, and Fun events happen monthly. Middle school and high school youth meet weekly for faith conversations during the education Hour. And seven of our youth are registered to attend the ELCA’s Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas this June, with Meghan and Wayne Hooper committed to accompanying them—physically and spiritually!

Thanks to all of you who are giving of yourselves and or your resources to help us to be faithful to Christ’s call to minister in this time. It is a blessing to serve with you. I look forward to the worship we will share in Holy Week and at Easter.

MARK L. RUSSELL, Pastor

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ADVANCE DATES

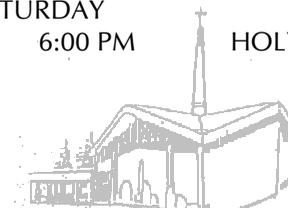
March 7, 14, 21	12:15 / 7:00 pm OASIS/Wednesdays in Lent
March 25	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
March 29-31	Triduum — See Schedule on the Front Cover
April 1	Easter Day
April 8	9:30 am Staffing Forum
April 15	11:00 am Rite of Confirmation
April 22	Good Shepherd Sunday — One Worship Service Only
	10:00 am Liturgy
	11:15 Meeting of the Congregation
	11:45 Lunch
May 6	4:00 pm Fine Arts: QuintEssentially Brass
May 10	7:00 pm Ascension Liturgy
May 20	Pentecost Day
June 2	11:00 am - 3:00 pm Good Shepherd Community Block Party
June 24-June 30	Lancaster Confirmation Camp — Kirchenwald
June 27-July 1	ELCA Youth Gathering Houston, TX

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Set your clocks **AHEAD** before bedtime on **SATURDAY, MARCH 10.**
Daylight Saving Time begins **SUNDAY, MARCH 11.**

SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

SUNDAY	
8:15 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
11:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
WEDNESDAYS	
MARCH 7, 14, 21	
12:15 PM	LENTE WORSHIP
7:00 PM	LENTE WORSHIP
SATURDAY	
6:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST



The deadline to spread Good News is **March 15,** for the **April 2018,** issue. Articles may be placed in the secretary’s mailbox or e-mailed (**preferably as a WORD DOCUMENT**) to cos@goodshepherd lancaster.org.

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ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES

The six weeks of Lent is forever to children! Consider practicing a Lenten discipline skill for one week rather than for six weeks. There are nine specific suggestions available on Good Shepherd's website at <http://www.goodshepherdlancaster.org/pdf/LentActivities.pdf>.

KIDS — HELP WITH ALLELUIAS!

In February, we packed the Alleluias in a large trunk for Lent. Easter Sunday is April 1. Be there to help unpack the alleluias again. Also, join us for an Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt during the Sunday School hour.

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

Celebrate the Feast of Easter with a Sunday Breakfast & Egg Hunt! We will enjoy breakfast together at 9:30 am and have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Bring a basket; this event is fun for all.



YOUTH NEWS

EASTER EGG HUNT — Throughout the month of March, the middle and senior high youth are collecting candy donations for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations are needed by 9:30 am on Sunday, March 25. Please consider dropping off a bag of small candies that we can use to fill Easter Eggs during Education Hour on Palm Sunday. The Easter Egg Hunt takes place in conjunction with breakfast at 9:30 am on Easter Sunday!

HEADED TO HOUSTON — "This Changes Everything!" A contingent of 7 youth and 2 adults from our congregation will be heading to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer. Kevin Brooks, Yan Brown, Christofer Dietrich, Paige Lantz, Morgan Smith, McKenzie Walling, Ted Wolfe, and Meghan and Wayne Hooper are registered to represent LCGS. Please be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers and other ways to support this group!

FAMILY, FAITH & FUN NIGHT

Become a world traveler with Family, Faith, and Fun activities. Join us for a meal, crafts, and worship as we learn how Jesus is celebrated around the world and discover India on March 14. Pastor Russell's mom will even be with us!!! Mark your calendars for April 11, and May 9. We will travel to Greece and Italy. Finally, in May, we will return home and discover people who have left their country and moved to the United States. Bring your family and a friend. It's sure to be a good time for all. Our evening will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 7:15 pm.



What's coming up?

March 4, 9:30 am: In this third week of the R3 PAWN series, we will explore the WOWs; we will identify those awesome (WOW!) things God is already up to at Good Shepherd.

March 10: The Renewal Team will attend the third of six R3 Congregational Renewal Workshops, 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, York, PA.

March 11, 9:30 am: In this fourth week of the R3 PAWN series, we will explore the NEEDS that we, as a congregation need to pay attention to as we seek to fulfill God's mission for us as a church.

March 18, 9:30 am: In this fifth week, the R3 team will present all the data collected throughout these PAWN forums, and lead us in conversations about "what have we learned?" and "where do we go from here?"

April 3: R3 Renewal Team meeting with our coach, Pr. Joel Folkemer.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

At the 11:00 am liturgy on Sunday, April 15, 2018, two young confirmands will affirm their baptism with the Rite of Confirmation. They are McKenzie Walling and Kevin Brooks. Kevin and McKenzie have been preparing by studying important themes and issues of our faith for four years. We celebrate with them, their parents and sponsors that they have successfully completed their study and grown into a new phase of their life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

BLOCK PARTY

It's time to get ready for Block Party 2018! We will hold an organizational meeting after the 11:00 service on Sunday, March 4, at 12:15 p.m. If you'd like to be involved in planning the Block Party, we hope to see you there! We are in particular need of an entertainment point person. Can't make the meeting but still want to contribute? Add your ideas to the Block Party bulletin board in the hallway by the coat rack and/or contact Meghan Hooper (814-934-5636 or mlb403@gmail.com). This year's Block Party is Saturday, June 2. Save the date!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us Friday, March 9, at 9:00 am at Oregon Dairy. Christine Baer, Congregational Resource Developer for Church World Service, will explain the assistance they provide to refugees who arrive to settle in Lancaster with little more than the clothing on their backs. With your help, the Women's Breakfast collected items to create kits to welcome these refugees to our community. The kits will be given to our guest presenter at the breakfast. Thank you all for your donations to make these gifts possible! And thank you to Kathy Schoenberger for leading and coordinating this project. The Good Shepherd Women's Breakfast occurs on the second Friday of every month at the Oregon Dairy, 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz, PA 17543. If you would like to add your name to receive updates or schedule changes for the Women's Breakfast, call Kris Albert at 717-517-7779, or send an email to her at kristen@liveworksatisfied.com.

R3 UPDATE

When was the last time you invited someone to join you at a church function, or for a liturgy? The joke has always been that the last time a Lutheran invited someone to church with them was 20 years ago. But according to the Congregational Vitality Survey that we took together in September, the majority of us are "comfortable inviting people to church." But it also shows that the majority of us "don't invite" others to church.

Dave Daubert*, lead consultant for Day 8 Strategies, suggests that we take a look at the way we actually make an invitation. How about replacing "would you like to come to church?" with "My congregation is working on (*fill in the blank*) and I know you care about that. Would you be interested in helping?" How might that change how you feel about making the invitation, or the way that you think it might be received by the person whom you are inviting?

Or have you spent anytime reflecting on either of these questions: Why do I go to church? Why does my faith matter to me?

Dave Daubert suggests that when we answer these questions for ourselves, and we begin having these kinds of conversations with each other, our own faith deepens and grows. He also maintains that when we get used to having these kinds of conversation with each other, we are better prepared to share our faith with others. Thus when someone you invite asks you that deeper questions, "why do you go to church?" you find it a bit easier to share your faith story, why your faith is important to you, and what you get out of being among your community of faith at Good Shepherd.

This may be a lot to think about, but these are important conversations in our process of Congregational Renewal. Your Renewal Team (Kris Albert, Kathy Saltzer, Linda Stuver, Ted Wolfe, and Pastor Russell), have been challenged to answer these questions for ourselves. And not only that, we have been challenged to open this dialogue within our congregation, encouraging every one of us to reflect on these questions and have these important conversations with one another. This will help our congregation to deepen our roots in faith and position us to listen and discern who the Holy Spirit has called us to be and what God has uniquely gifted us to do.

*Dave Daubert is the facilitator and presenter of the Synod R3 sessions that the R3 team attends.

What we ask of you (Really, really, important):

- Challenge yourself to ask yourself and seek to answer the following questions:
Why do I go to church?
Why is my faith important to me?
- Identify a partner with whom you can have this conversation, and share your answers to these questions.
- Plan to attend the remaining three Adult Education Forums (March 4, 11, and 18), led by the Renewal Teams. These Forums are focusing on our Purpose, our Assets, our Wows, and our Needs. We need your voice in these forums! See "What's Coming Up" at the top of the next page for more information.



Join us for Saturday Night at the Crook Saturday, March 17, following the evening service. Good Shepherd member Wendy Shiffer will be broadcasting live from Puerto Rico to discuss the maternity care crisis and hurricane recovery on the island. Wendy is traveling to the island to work with other women's healthcare providers and mothers-to-be, training them to become evidence-based childbirth educators. Please see the article below for more information on Wendy and her plans to help the people of Puerto Rico.

WENDY SHIFFER TRAVELS TO AID PUERTO RICO

LCSGS member Wendy Shiffer will be traveling to Puerto Rico on March 15, to host a three-day training for women's healthcare providers and mothers-to-be who are currently still recovering from hurricane damage. Wendy (mother to acolytes and choir member Madeline, Jimmy, Mitchell, and Carly) is a midwife, doula, and childbirth educator who now trains others in the same field. The already poor, outdated maternity care system in Puerto Rico is in crisis since the hurricanes. "The system is just overwhelmed. The doctor-to-patient ratio is too high," says Ted Held, OB-GYN. Wendy hopes this seminar will add at least 15 more maternal health professionals, including some expecting mothers to the healthcare system of Puerto Rico.

Wendy is donating her time and supplies to work with these professionals, but is in need of sponsors to help with the associated expenses. Please contact Wendy if you would like to make a donation to this effort. 717-380-1393 or Wendy@familytreesbirthplace.com (email) Airfare \$300; Ground Transportation \$100; Facility Rental \$300; Accreditation Fees \$400.

Prior to departure, Wendy will also be collecting Home Depot gift cards for the neighbors of Rincon, PR, who will use them for farm work and relief supplies.

SAFETY AND SECURITY TASKFORCE

A Safety & Security Taskforce has been appointed by Church Council to review and assess the risks to the safety and well-being of our congregation, and to develop a plan for preparation and response to possible hazards.

The Taskforce will engage safety and security experts from the community and from several federal, state and county government agencies in order to identify possible risks and explore ways to mitigate risks that are deemed to be likely events in our congregation.

The product of these efforts will be a Safety and Security Plan that is unique to the needs of our congregation, with appropriate communication and training to implement the plan. The Taskforce anticipates that this process will unfold during the next year.

Members of the Safety & Security Taskforce are Lynn Allen, Becky Marks, Pastor Russell, Bob Walton (chair), Ed White and Mike Young. Congregation members are encouraged to share questions, concerns and ideas with any member of the Taskforce.

PARISH NOTES

PRAYER CHAIN Good Shepherd has an active prayer chain made up of concerned people who commit themselves to praying for various people and concerns each week. If you have someone to include in our prayers, or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the church office, 717-393-3958 or email cos@goodshepherdlanaster.org. Our prayer chain coordinator is Elizabeth Hendricks. Concerns are kept confidential.

WHO ARE OUR SHUT-INS? Home-bound members or those living in assisted living facilities or other institutions are communed quarterly and visited by a lay visitor monthly. If there is someone who should be added to our list, speak with one of the pastors or call the office.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS If you or someone you know from the congregation is admitted to a local hospital, please contact the pastor or the church office immediately. We cannot depend on the hospitals to notify us in all cases. At present, only LGH releases information.

CDS OF OUR WEEKLY SERVICES If you are interested in receiving a compact disc of any of the liturgies here at Good Shepherd, please fill out a CD Request Form available in the tract rack in the narthex. CDs are available on a one-time basis or can be mailed to any of our homebound members on a weekly basis.

WEB SITE See us on the web at www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org. Good Shepherd's web site is a place to find information and inspiration. And you can now hear inspiration by listening to the Weekly Readings online. *Good News from Good Shepherd* is also available to view online.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brightly

	3-2 DAVE BLEACHER	3-7 DOLORES PRZYBYSKI
	EVERGREEN ESTATES	817 CARRIE COURT
	1300 EAST KING STREET	LANCASTER, PA 17601
	LANCASTER, PA 17602	

	3-12 MILES RISHELL	3-27 JANICE CARPENTER	
	444 HOLBROOK AVENUE	APARTMENT 115	
	LANCASTER, PA 17601	1800 VILLAGE CIRCLE	
		LANCASTER, PA 17603	

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU

- to our entire Good Shepherd family. Words can not express the gratitude we continue to feel for the love and support that we have enjoyed and been blessed with for so many years. The relationships that have been built with you are irreplaceable and we cherish our memories with you. Thank you all for the wonderful farewell and Godspeed celebration. The framed picture of our Good Shepherd home and the picture book will forever be cherished keepsakes. We miss you!
... *With love, Jeff and Urban Clifton*
- to all the friends who sent cards and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. I want to especially thank Pastor Russell and the visitation team for their many visits and message of cheer, and the ladies who brought the beautiful flowers and the ladies who gave us communion. Your support and care meant everything.
... *Thomas Miller*
- to David Ressler who came to visit us at Moravian Manor. We had a nice talk and he gave us holy communion. We thank him and Good Shepherd church.
... *Jean and Claude Leese*

SYMPATHY

- to the family and friends of Rose Bleacher, especially her husband Dave, upon her death

GREENFIELD SUMMER DAY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gifts are now being received for the 2018 Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the Scholarship Fund we have been able to assist many deserving families with tuition assistance. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and note that it is for the Day Camp Scholarship Fund. Thank you.

ADULT EDUCATION: LENT TERM

February 25 - March 25; Adult Class (5 wks): Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation, with Pastor Mark Russell and Garrett Book — We are called to be good neighbors to the creation. But, no matter your political stance, there is no getting around it: the earth is being damaged by human activity. Christians have a complex relationship with God's creation. We have tangled up our concepts of dominion and stewardship. And in trying to be God-focused, many Christians become heaven-focused, at the expense of our earthly home. Can Scripture and our own religious tradition help us rethink those relationships? Is there a model for care of the creation that doesn't force us to the polarized margins? Thinkers like Walter Brueggemann and Barbara Rossing will join us via DVD.

PARISH REGISTER

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

ROSE BLEACHER
27 February 2018

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

RICK & DONNA HOLLOWNICZKY

MARY MARKEL
11 February 2018