
Agapegram

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Walking in the Way

“...if he found any men or women belonging to the Way...” Acts 9:2 EHV

In the early days of the church, before the label “Christian” became firmly established, the believers’ faith was known as “The Way” (Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22), most likely because they were followers of the Lord Jesus who said of himself, in John 14:6 that He is “the way and the truth and the life.”

The believers of today, need to learn again from this ancient label on how God’s church should be understood. We need to recover the often overlooked truth that God’s people are following after One who is The Way and also sets *the way* for how we live. If Christianity is “The Way” it implies both direction and behavior. Our Lenten focus on the concept of a “Return from Exile” helps to capture some aspects of how living as Christians is a journey. We should also continually focus on how our faith leads to a certain *way* of living.

Notice that I wrote “leads to” not “is”. Our faith is first, foremost, and ultimately, about faith, not actions and behavior. We trust in the grace of God given to us in Jesus Christ on account of his atoning sacrifice. Our Savior is the one who will get us to the end of our journey. And, yet, we must hear James, who reminds us that “faith without works is dead”. True faith always leads to behavior. Thanksgiving to God for his gracious mercy will produce fruit in our lives. And that fruit, is a life lived in conformance with “The Way”.

It will benefit us, both individually and as the church in the world, to become better informed about what The Way looks like. We need to encourage one another to faithfully follow the way of our Savior in every choice of daily life. This is not a call to change our common terminology. We don’t have to use the phrase “The Way” (in fact, I don’t recommend it, considering that in today’s world there is a cult that goes by that name), but we will reflect upon our Christian walk and what the life of a redeemed child of God should look like. In this Lenten season and beyond, we will reflect upon our walking in The Way and continue to encourage each other to live out our new lives in Christ, The Way, in faithful obedience.

“[Apollos] began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him home and explained to him the way of God more accurately.” Acts 18:26 EHV

Pastor David

Church Security Reminder

In light of more tragic violence in supposed gun free zones making the news this past week, it is worth reminding you about church security at Eternal Shepherd. Assessing and adjusting our security efforts at ESLC (and LLPS downstairs) is an ongoing process that is regularly reviewed and implemented.

There are certain aspects of our church security efforts that may impact you as you come and go from ESLC. We mentioned this at the previous congregational meeting, but a reminder might be helpful for those not in attendance.

Just as we began locking all building doors during preschool hours a few years ago, **we are now locking the building after Sunday services begin.** That means if you are running late (or run back out to the car in mid-service), you will find the doors locked. ***If you come and find the doors locked, please give a moderately loud knock so an usher or elder sitting in the back of the sanctuary will hear you and open the door for you.*** (Obviously, quiet tapping or excessive pounding aren't ideal. Also, you may need to wait for a hymn to end, so those inside can hear you).

The Board of Elders and I know that this will occasionally be inconvenient for members, but we feel it is a manageable inconvenience for improved security. Thank you for your understanding.

Pastor David

Easter Worship Schedule

Midweek Lenten Worship Services

March 7th - 7:00 pm

March 14th - 7:00 pm

March 21st - 7:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Meals at 6:00 pm

March 7th hosted by the Honduras Mission Team

March 14th hosted by the Altar Care Committee

March 21st hosted by "The Crossing" Youth

Palm Sunday March 25th

8:30 am & 11:00 am Communion both services

Maundy Thursday March 29th - 7:00pm

Good Friday March 30th - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 1st

8:30 am & 11:00 am Communion Both Services



Deaconess Musings

Just, and yet... Compassionate

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence... When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

~Isaiah 64:1, 3-4

In silent pain the eternal Son Hangs derelict and still; In darkened day His work is done, Fulfilled His Father's will. Uplifted for the world to see He hangs in strangest victory,

For in His body on the tree He carries all our ill.

~LSB 432:1

You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

~Isaiah 64:5-6

He died that we might die to sin And live for righteousness; The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us into peace. For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Himself to save the lost; He loved us to the uttermost And paid for our release.

~LSB 432:2

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

~Micah 7:18-20

For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies; To rule in us, our patient Lord, Until all evil dies: For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars, And those who love Him see His scars And look into His eyes.

~LSB 432:3

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.

By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body
and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

Deaconess Holly

From the Board of Stewardship

This past November, as we sat at our Thanksgiving table, our conversation soon turned to the coming of Christmas. “What do you want for Christmas, Grammy? What can I buy you, Papa?” Surrounded by our dear family, I thought about our needs and wants. Our needs are few. Our wants are nothing that can be bought. How richly God has blessed us! How thankful we are!

Stewardship is thanksgiving. Giving thanks for all God has given us: all of our time, our abilities, and our money. Stewardship is how we manage our entire lives and includes what we give back to God for His work throughout His kingdom.

Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe. Stewardship is about all of life, about giving ourselves to God and using all that God has given us in grateful and appropriate ways.

The very practical question arises, “**Is the money I have God’s or mine?**” Actually there is no confusion. Scripture tells me that God owns all things. God places material things in my possession. These are not gifts. Rather God entrusts what is His to my care to use in His service.

It follows then that I am not the owner but a manager or **steward** of God’s property.

In the following year of 2018, may **God bless you in your giving.**

Janet Walker
Stewardship Board



Please Remember
to set your clocks
ahead one hour
before going to bed
on Sat. March 10th
as we Spring
ahead into Daylight
Savings Time

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How can I ever say THANK YOU enough to express my gratitude to all of you during my recent surgery and subsequent recovery? I felt overwhelmed at times by the out pouring of love shown to me by the members of our church family. The calls, cards, emails and prayers were such a blessing to both Kyra and me. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I recently read an article in the Lutheran Witness magazine written by Synod President Matthew Harrison about prayer. The heading stated, "Prayer is the breath of the Christian". I loved thinking of prayer in that way, it is so poetic and very poignant. I could relate especially to this thought during my recent illness as I was praying with every breath I took for relief and healing!

Getting back to President Harrison's article... it was titled "Will you pray for your Pastor?" He asks us all to pray for our Pastor daily and I would ask you to do this as well if you don't already. Not only should we pray for Pastor Hammer every day of the year but especially during these busy days of the church year, starting with Lent and continuing onto our Easter celebration. I can't even imagine the time it must take Pastor Hammer to consistently deliver the Gospel message to us every Sunday, on Wednesday's during Lent and Advent and for the funerals we have attended much too often of late. During this time he is more than doubling his sermon prep as he continues to carry out all his other duties as our earthly shepherd. The article actually gives specific prayers you can say for Pastor Hammer that would bless him. May we all join together in prayer for our beloved Pastor today and always. And remember to encourage him as well!

My fervent prayer for you all is that our Lord would bless you and your loved ones with His unfailing love during this Holy season and always.

In Christ,

*Rudy Carbone
Council President*



ESLC EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

Whether you pray aloud or silently, using the provided materials and prayers or your own personal petitions, or simply sit and contemplate the great sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prayer Vigil provides you opportunity for reflection and an additional enrichment of your Lenten devotional life.

The Vigil begins immediately following the Good Friday evening service (around 8pm) and continues without interruption until 8:30am on Easter Morning.

A sign-up sheet, with one hour time slots, will be placed in the Narthex beginning on March 4th, and you may sign-up as individuals, couples, groups/families. If you would like petitions to be offered confidentially on your behalf, prayer requests will also be near the sign-up sheet. Please submit your requests prior to the Maundy Thursday evening service. Time slots fill up quickly, so reserve your preferred time slot as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Holly.





*Please join us for our annual
ESLC Easter Celebration
Egg Hunt
Sat., March 31st
at 9 am
in the downstairs
fellowship hall.*

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EASTER BREAKFAST - April 1, 2018

*The Crossing Youth of Eternal Shepherd
cordially invite you
to join them for Easter Breakfast!*

This is no "April Fools" - we really are having breakfast, and it's going to be awesome! Every Easter, our church family enjoys breakfast together between services. It is The Crossing's chance to serve our congregation, and thank you for the love and support you show to us all year long. So, come enjoy the fun!

The menu will be as follows:

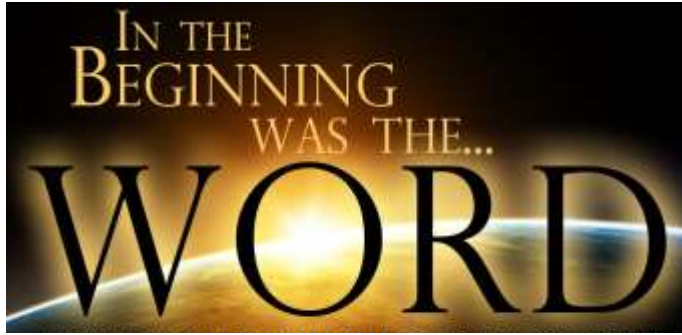
- ~ Breakfast casseroles (bacon, sausage, or veggie - and all are gluten free!)
- ~ Biscuits and gravy (gluten free varieties of both will be available)
- ~ Fruit platters with yogurt
- ~ Assorted breads and muffins with honey, jams, and jellies
- ~ Drinks (orange juice, apple juice, milk, chocolate milk, coffee, and water)

*Those with gluten and dairy allergies are encouraged to attend. Our breakfast casseroles are gluten free, and there will be a variety of other choices available for your enjoyment!

See you at breakfast!

*~ The Crossing Youth Group
Madison, Megan, Kayla,
Lauren, Jacob, Abby, Skylar,
and Tanisha,
Leaders: Katie Baumann
& Deaconess Holly*





JOIN US FOR A TIME OF LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP AS WE STUDY GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

- **Men's Bible Study** meets on Mondays at 8:30 AM in room #300 in the new Education Wing. Studying *The Book of Galatians*. For more information contact Jim Walker at (864) 654-1662.
- **Home Bible Study:** We meet on Monday's at 7:00 pm at the home of Pastor Phil & Margi McLain. For more information contact Pastor Phil at (615) 396-7559.
- **Wed. Women's Bible Study:** "*Loved By God by Liz Curtis Higgs*" Wednesday's at 10:00 am in room #302. **This class will resume at a later date TBA.**
- **"Round the Table" Thursday Women's Bible Study:** "*Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow*" 4pm to 5:30 pm in the main Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Charlotte Beyer at (864)760-3277.
- **God Loves Moms:** For moms with kids in the home. Meeting once a month for dinner and discussion. Contact Judy Hammer at ninathedog@yahoo.com.
- **Thursday Morning Men's Group** meets at 9:00 AM for study and prayer in room #302. For more information contact Frank Kieninger at (864) 888-4480.

Easter Floral Decorations!

The Sign-Up Chart for Easter Lilies is now in the Narthex. Please take the time to sign up for a Lily or two at \$15.00 per plant. Be sure to put a check at the end of the line where you've signed your name if you plan on picking up a lily after the late service on Easter. Take an Easter Flower envelope (which is also on the chart), put in your cash or check payment and place in the Sunday Offering Plate. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed! Thanks be to God! *It will be wonderful to say those words again once Lent is over!!!*



Happy and Free

by Kerry Blount

The morning after the 2016 Oscar presentations, I spent a lovely few hours working around the house with a prayer of thanks on my heart and a song of joy on my lips. Strangely, the attitude and the song were inspired by watching part of that year's Oscar awards presentations on the previous Sunday evening. Sparking my response was the memory of Darlene Love, one of the Oscar honorees, who expressed her thanks with a powerfully-sung, heartfelt rendition of the chorus of a Gospel song from the early 1900s. She sang:

I sing because I'm happy!
I sing because I'm free!
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

After sharing her joy in those simple words, she received a thunderous ovation from the audience in the hall, and I was praying that brief Gospel message touched many a heart both in the concert hall and among the millions watching on television in their homes. I hoped thousands would wake up singing that chorus the next morning, and that it would come to mind often in the days, months and years ahead. I hoped they would Google those words and read the full lyrics to a song that expresses God's tender care for us in spite of all our troubles. I hoped they would ponder it until they came to the enlightening realization that the only way to be fully happy and fully free is to have a saving relationship with the One who watches over them in love.

In the aftermath of that hopeful prayer, my mind entertained a more disquieting train of thought. What of those who didn't hear that melodic encouragement? What of those who have not encountered His matchless love? What of those around me every day whose inner song has been robbed of joy and expresses their hearts in a very different way? Perhaps like this:

I curse because I'm angry!
I snarl because I'm not free!
For I'm tangled in sin and destruction,
And there's no one who cares for me.

What do we do—individually and corporately—in the face of so many who are unhappy and enslaved? The simple yet profound answer is that we serve in whatever way He has given us the ability and the opportunity to serve. Those who can teach, teach. Those who can pray, pray. Those who can sing, sing. Those who can speak a word of encouragement in His Name, speak it boldly. But in every case, let us do those things God has gifted us to do in a way that expresses our joy and freedom and confidence in the face of all that this life can bring. Let us live so others can recognize the happiness and freedom that can be found in trusting the One whose loving eye is on even “the lowly sparrow,” and Who faithfully watches over us all.

God still speaks, sometimes even through you...By Terri Baumann

God tells us in *Mark 13:11b* “Do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.” I’ve known that verse for many years, but only recently lived it personally.

I wasn’t raised to pray out loud for others on the spot. I’ve never done that unprompted in my life, until last year. We were at Walt Disney World, and I prayed for someone, without warning, and without preparation. It had NOTHING to do with me or my effort or work. It was all God.

.....We’d just watched the show at the animation studio, and everyone who knows me knows my laugh. Really, it’s more of a cackle. And it’s loud. So it wasn’t hard to hear me cackling over everyone else in the theater that day. Upon walking out, a woman walked up and asked if I was the one who was laughing so loud. Immediately my husband chimed in, “Probably!”

The 3 of us walked together as we exited the theater. As we walked she shared her heart, telling me that as she had listened to me laugh, it had caused her to smile, and also laugh, something she hadn’t done since her son went to Afghanistan with the Marines, months earlier. I told her that my husband was a retired Navy sailor who had served 25 years, so although it wasn’t a child, I understood a bit about the loss of a loved one to deployment. We spoke for a bit longer, and then parted ways.

I thought that was it, but I only managed to walk about 50 feet before God spoke to me and stopped me in my tracks. He said, **“You’re not done yet, turn around and go back.”** It was so loud and clear inside my head that I knew I hadn’t imagined it.

Realizing I’d stopped walking, Craig turned and asked, “What’s wrong?”

I said, “I’m not done yet, I’ll be right back.”

I crossed the distance between us quickly and tapped her on her shoulder. When she turned around I said, “Excuse me, but I didn’t get your son’s name, and would it be okay with you if I prayed for him?” She nodded her assent quickly and gave me his name and her’s. In my head I was thinking about how I would include them in my daily prayers, but what came out of my mouth next came directly from God. I said, “May I pray for you **now**?” What was that? I had never prayed for someone out loud, on the spot, like that before in my life! I whispered a silent plea for God to help me, and I took her hands in mine and started praying. The words came effortlessly, and I found myself praying for aspects of their faith and life that I wouldn’t have thought of on my own. When I finished, we hugged each other, and I spoke in her ear; “Remember, as much as you love your son, God loves him more.” Then we smiled and parted ways. As I walked back to Craig, I found myself amazed at what God had just done, with no concern for, or input from, me. His care was for this mother and her worried heart. His love for her involved sending someone to encourage her heart and bring her peace by praying for her in her weariness. He didn’t seem to care that if He’d bothered to ask, I might’ve declined. It was ALL God. I had nothing whatsoever to do with it. I firmly believe it was a work He’d prepared for me to do long ago. Nothing else that day seemed quite as important to me after that. I found myself pondering what God had done for quite some time.

How many times in my life had God done the exact same thing for me when I needed it most, using someone else who was willing to speak life to me? This was the first time He’d used me in such a fashion. I never saw her again. Our interaction revolved around laughter, and God’s concern for both her and her son. God was ministering to her that day, but I was also blessed to be along for the ride. Since then, God’s used me in this way 2 more times. It would seem that something that used to scare me is turning out to be His blessing in disguise. My encouragement to you is this: Don’t worry whether or not you’re qualified to do what God wants. Trust me when I say that He’ll supply all you need, just as He’s promised!

A Special Thank You: I have no words to thank all who contribute to my card ministry. Thanks for the cards, stamps, paper, envelopes and the help the church gives me to be able to do my card ministry. I am sure sending the cards does me more good than it does the ones receiving them. Many thanks to my church family. I am so blessed. ~Gloria Shealy

Hospitality happenings:

There will be a hospitality meeting on March 18th after late service. Please bring any concerns, questions or ideas on how we can better serve our congregation.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted me as I take on this new role.

In His Service, Sue Williams

COMFORT DOG NEWS

Thank you all who attended the Comfort Dog team Lenten Soup/Supper on February 21.

We appreciate your support!



The Comfort Dog Team will have a meeting on March 11, 2018 after late service in Room 300. If you are interested in being on the Comfort Dog team, please try and attend this meeting as we try and figure out who will be performing what function as we move forward. At the meeting, we will discuss fundraising ideas and answer any questions concerning the different roles of this ministry.

It was so horrifying to hear of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. We grieve for the families, the teachers and all those affected. Did you know that 19 Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs are in Parkland as of this writing, offering comfort to those affected by this tragedy? Good Morning America featured a news clip about the Comfort Dogs and the work they are doing there. They came from as far as New Jersey and Illinois to minister and serve the people there. Within a day of the incident, there were “boots and paws” on the ground, including Sasha (Island Lutheran, Hilton Head) to offer the comfort that only a dog can give. These dogs and their handlers have the awesome opportunity to reach out to the suffering with the mercy, love, compassion and proclamation of Jesus Christ. If we had a Comfort Dog at this time, we probably would have been invited there as well to share Jesus and His love with the hurting.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this ministry. I know it is sometimes hard to foresee all the opportunities we will have when ESLC gets our own Comfort Dog, assuming we get one. A tragedy such as the one in Parkland, FL is one way but we will have many other opportunities in our very own community to share the love of Jesus!! Thank you for considering this ministry with your support.

~Kyra Carbone, Top Dog

MISSION NEWS

Haiti Mission News

Where on Earth.....can you find a vast number of Lutheran children under one roof, who are hungry for food and the Gospel. The pictures shown are from Laotchikit, Haiti a mission we support and visited. The next opportunity is in Pas Bonbon, a neighboring village with a small Lutheran Church already built and operational. A typical school classroom is shown below.



We will help build a school in Pas Bonbon - simple as it will be, with a pathway to learning and a meal each day. For more information on how to support the Lutheran Churches in the Central Plateau of Haiti, contact Lars or Pastor Phil McLain.

YOUR HONDURAS TEAM THANKS YOU: When you receive this newsletter we will be in Honduras serving the people and sharing the love of Christ with them. Keep us in prayer. We are thankful for all of the support from Eternal Shepherd and will have a full report for the next Agapegram. In the interim look for our daily news updates. *Dios te bendiga!*

DISASTER RELIEF - WELCOME HOME

Deek Decker, Richard Grotheer, Cecil Murray, and Walt Lindow were in Charleston, SC helping a widow to finish a home she and her husband started several years ago. The call for help came from Calvary Lutheran Charleston and our Disaster Relief Team responded. Most of the work involved inside carpentry - windows and storage areas. The home is still without power, although most of the wiring has been routed to two breaker panels. In the coming months, there will be more opportunities to help this widow - finishing the sheetrock, lots of painting. In fact, Calvary Lutheran has a list of 80 homes in the area needing help. Watch the bulletin board for the next signup sheet - men, women, families are all welcome to help. **Contact Deek Decker at 864-356-2135**



Samaritan's Purse Ministers to Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh



Franklin Graham recently traveled to Bangladesh to see firsthand the work Samaritan's Purse is doing with thousands of Rohingya refugees forced to flee from their homes in neighboring Myanmar. These Muslim people are now packed into makeshift camps where deadly diseases are rapidly spreading. The conditions they are living in are heart breaking.

Many were already sick and injured when they arrived, and now they face the largest diphtheria outbreak the world has seen in some time. As the rainy season approaches, things are likely to only get worse.

Samaritan's Purse has responded to this crisis by building and staffing a Diphtheria Treatment Center right in the heart of one of the camps. They've already screened about 2,000 people and provided lifesaving treatment to hundreds of them—many of them children. They come in gasping for breath, and, praise God, most leave healed just a few days later.

In addition, the Operation Christmas Child teams are distributing special gift bags to thousands of boys and girls in these camps. They are also providing medical personnel and equipment to their longtime partner, Memorial Christian Hospital, to increase its capacity to care for Rohingya refugees.

Please pray that God would continue to open doors for Samaritan's Purse to share His love and the hope of the Gospel through our medical relief and other projects. They want these families to know the salvation found only in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Like you, I am so thankful that Eternal Shepherd partners with Samaritan's Purse every year for our Annual Shoebox Packing Party. Joining arms with a ministry that God has blessed to be His hands and feet in so many hurting areas of the world makes me smile, because we're making a difference in places where we cannot personally go. I hope it makes you smile too!



*In His Service,
Terri Baumann*



DETENTION CENTER OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Saturday, March 10th ESLC is planning a visit to the Men's and the Women's sides of the Detention Center in Walhalla. **We will need cookies for this ministry** (30 baggies with regular cookies – 4 cookies to a bag). These cookies are a small way of sharing God's love and are much appreciated by those who receive the goodies. **We will meet at ESLC Sat., March 10th at 10:00 AM** for logistics & prayer and then on to the Center to make our 11:00 AM appointment. *Thank you for your support of this ministry.* Questions, contact Cecil Murray and **cookie angels** please contact Elaine Grotheer. **The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.**



FOOD BANK NEWS:

Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month. These items will help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. Each month we will have a different preferred product featured. **March's** preferred product is **"Canned Tuna Fish"** (Please place items in the big blue trash can marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*



Greeting Cards— Birthday! Get Well! Encouragement! Praying for You! Sympathy! Thinking of You! Cancer/Difficult Times! Anniversary! Baptism! Thanksgiving! Christmas! Please be sure to check out the cart in the Fellowship Hall. They are still \$.50 a card and \$5.00 for a whole box. Thank you for your support.

SCRIP CARDS

Please remember that **Scrip cards make great gifts and earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time.** Please see your scrip ladies today or pick up an order form located by the Scrip box in the narthex. *~Thank you for your support.*





SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

In *January* the following gifts were given:

In loving memory of *Barb Hornburg*
the Mission Quilt Sewers Fund received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Don Robertson*
the Choir Fund received a gift of \$50.00

Other Gifts:

The Capital Campaign Building Fund received gifts of \$600.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$210.00

The Debt Reduction Fund received gifts of \$100.00
and a gift of \$33.00 from Thrivent Choice Dollars

The Disaster Relief Trailer Fund received a gift of \$25.00

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$86.00

The Food Bank Fund received a gift of \$20.00

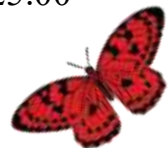
The Haiti Mission Fund received gifts of \$290.00

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$3,765.00

The Hospitality Fund received a gift of \$10.00

The Lutheran Witness Fund received gifts of \$225.00

The Youth Fund received gifts of \$35.00



Little Lambs Tales

*"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."
Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

As we finish out our cold winter season and enter into the season of Spring, we are renewed and refreshed; reveling in the warmer temperatures and the beginnings of Springtime. It is a time of teaching God's awesome power and glory in all of His creation. We begin the month of March celebrating Dr. Seuss Day on March 2nd! The teachers will be engaged in all sorts of Dr. Seuss activities in the classroom and perhaps we all may sample a little green eggs and ham!

On March 9th we will be holding our second Parent's Night Out. We give this free night of babysitting to our parents because we know how difficult it is to get away as a couple when raising young children. Our families will be dropping their children off in the big playroom at 5:00pm and picking them up at 7:00pm.

We will be discussing Fire Safety on March 14th. Our local firemen will come to the Preschool to teach the children about fire safety and what to do in times of emergency. Not only will they teach the children but they will arrive in their big red fire truck! The children will be able to have a close up tour of it and even have the opportunity to climb in it and explore!

A few days later we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will wear green and teach our children about this Christian holiday. The significance of the shamrock representing the Holy Trinity will also be discovered as they learn about this day. We may even have some fun as the Leprechauns come into the classroom to create a little mischief! We will be celebrating our Easter vacation with Good Friday on March 30th and will return on April 9th.

All of us at Little Lambs Preschool thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry of our church. We continue to thank God for giving us the opportunity to care and love these beautiful children and watch them grow in their relationship with the Lord.

*Blessings to you and your families!
Gina*



HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.



When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

122-112-116-102-112
112-68-102
102-107-92-102
102-47-92

92-97-82-92
92-37-82
22-42-44-32-9-42
42-55-52-66-62-77-72

42-19-52-18-62-17-72
82-27-72-87-82
82-42

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	
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34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	
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45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	
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56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	
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67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	
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100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	
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111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	
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Start	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132

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SERVICE TIMES

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
& Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship Service
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)



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