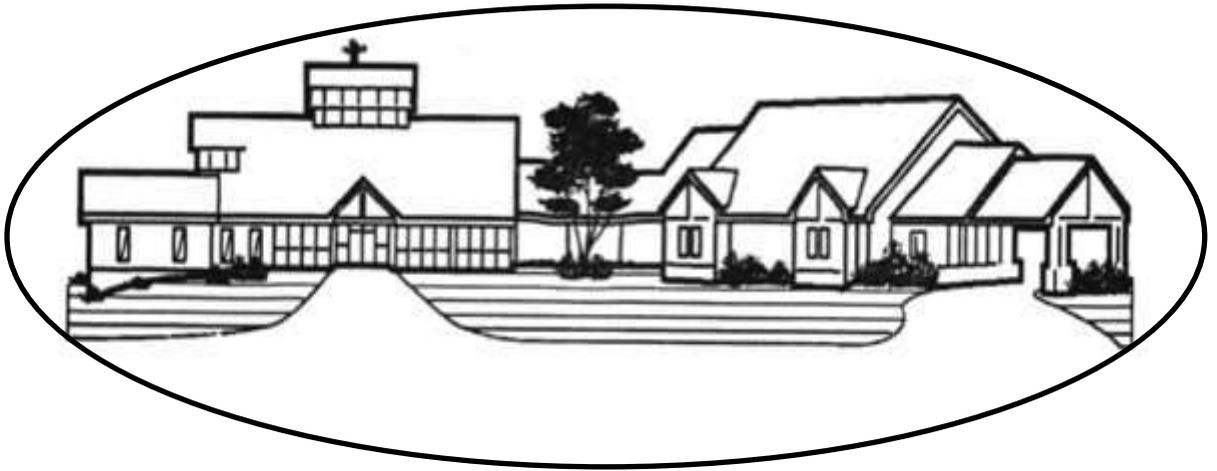


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## Return to His Love

*"I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is..."* Ephesians 3:18

During this year's Lenten season, our Sunday sermons are exploring aspects of the common Lenten theme of Returning to the LORD our God and that is fitting in a season of repentance. We also, however, in our Wednesday sermons will be looking at God's great and overflowing love for us. As Rev. Thomas Egger says it in a Lenten sermon:

[We focus on] the hugeness of his mercy and his compassion. In the Old Testament, when God personally passed by before Moses on the mountain, he proclaimed his divine name: "Yahweh, Yahweh, a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in merciful love" [Ex 34:6]. In the Psalms, the Old Testament worshippers exulted: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love for those who fear him" [Ps 103:11]. And in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul marvels that although we and all mankind were "dead in trespasses and sins," there is hope, because, Paul writes, God is "rich in mercy" [Eph 2:4]. The enormity of God's love and mercy drove Paul to his knees in prayer, fervently asking that others, too, "might have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge" [Eph 3:18–19].

And that is my prayer for us, this Lenten season... We will examine from several angles just how rich, how huge, how deep, how broad, how high, God's love for us is, in Jesus Christ. It has become a cliché, perhaps, an empty sounding, bumper-sticker slogan. God loves you. Jesus loves you. But there is nothing empty or clichéd about the living God, and the ways that he has loved us and continues to love us and will love us forever.

So, whether in-person, live-streamed, or watched after the fact, join us throughout Lent as we Return to the LORD and as we also Return to His Love. In addition to our worship services, you may want to view our Lenten bible study on God's character, which will also give us insights into how His love manifests toward us and how Jesus is the living embodiment of that divine love that endures the cross that we would be freely given forgiveness, righteousness, and life.

*"...and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God."* Ephesians 3:19

*~Pastor David*

## For those interested in biblical History & Archaeology

As, I have often mentioned in bible classes, one has to be careful about your sources when reading information about biblical history. Many scholars today, both secular and religious, have false assumptions which bias their interpretations and lead them to draw false conclusions about biblical people, events, and timing.

So, if History Channel, Discovery Channel, The Great Courses, and other sources don't always paint an accurate picture of biblical history, where can we turn for another interpretation of the data?

Well, besides staying involved in bible classes at ESLC, one site worth visiting is

[Associates for Biblical Research](http://biblearchaeology.org)

[\(biblearchaeology.org\)](http://biblearchaeology.org). Their foundational assumptions and high view of the Holy Scriptures makes them a better source than many. They also have a video series called Digging for Truth that covers many topics, although obviously weighted toward archaeology: [www.youtube.com/user/BibleArchaeology/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/BibleArchaeology/videos) is where you can scroll through the video list for topics that may catch your interest.



*Spring Forward*

**Daylight Savings Time  
Begins  
Sunday, March 14th**

**Please be sure to set your clocks ahead  
one hour before going to bed on  
Sat., March 13th as we spring forward  
into Daylight Savings Time**

# *Lenten & Easter Services*

*In house services are now being held on a limited attendance basis.*

**Please watch for service attendance information emails  
or call the church office.**

## **Wednesday Night Lenten Worship Services**

*March 3rd - 7:00 pm*

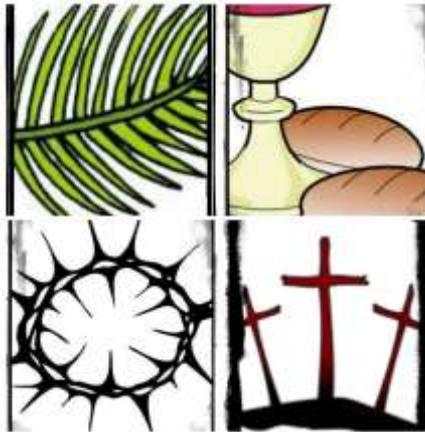
*March 10th - 7:00 pm*

*March 17th - 7:00 pm*

*March 24th - 7:00 pm*

## *Palm Sunday March 28th*

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



*Maundy Thursday Service April 1st - 7 pm*  
*Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 2nd - 7 pm*

## *Easter Sunday April 4th*

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

## 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 following the Good Friday evening service and continues without interruption until 7:00 am on Easter Morning inside the Sanctuary. For health concerns, there will be two separate stations that will rotate every hour and be sanitized afterwards by each attendee. To keep from reusing material throughout the Vigil, participants will be provided individual, preprinted prayer & devotion packets. Only those who are slotted for each hour may be inside the Sanctuary.**



**A Sign Up Genius link, with one hour time slots, will be sent out weekly and you may sign-up as individuals, couples, or a limit of three (3) in a group.** If you would like petitions to be offered confidentially on your behalf, please submit your requests to Deaconess Holly via email 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.

# March 2021 Council Update

The Council Team met on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Following are the latest updates from your Council:

## Safety Committee Update:

Security laminate has been installed on all ground level windows except 3 windows near the front door that first need to be replaced due to broken seals.

Security cameras have been installed and cover all important exterior areas of our church property. Management/monitoring details and tuning are in process. Camera resolution and picture clarity is excellent and more than meets our needs per Captain Washington our security consultant. Thank you to Tom Eckersley and Dan Arkfeld our co-committee chairs and the entire safety committee!

## 2020 Surplus Funds:

God has blessed Eternal Shepherd once again with an abundance of contributions in 2020 over our expenses. To be specific, we had a surplus of \$128,844! With Council's unanimous recommendation, the Congregation in our February 21st meeting approved the use of these funds as follows:

Required beginning balance of 1/12 of 2021 budget (\$525,185)	\$43,765
Church Security Hardening (security laminate and cameras) — previously approved	\$24,600
Allocation to Property-Building Contingency Fund	\$34,479
Mortgage Prepayment	\$12,000
Trinity Hope (Haiti) School Lunches	\$9,000
Honduras, World Gospel Outreach, Medicine and Food	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,844</b>

## Committee Re-Formed:

With the vaccine being widely available for 70+ seniors in South Carolina and the reduction of new COVID cases, we are re-forming our committee that created our successful virus worship plan we currently use. The objective is to create a plan to determine how and when we return to more normal worship. This committee will be co-led by Dan Arkfeld (Head Elder) and John Cochell.

Special thanks to Bill Smith (Treasurer) for many hours of work understanding our church accounting system and reconciling the church's books over the last 2 months.

Special thanks also to Jim Zwahlen (Finance Chair) for leading his team's designated funds consolidated process. This work has created a much simpler and efficient process to understand and manage these funds.

Despite an evil virus that has changed many things, the Lord continues to bless the body of believers at Eternal Shepherd Lutheran!

In His service,  
John Cochell



## Easter Lilies

Sometime during the week of March 8th, the Easter Lily sign-up sheet will be on display in the Narthex. Please take a moment to fill it in remembering to fill out an individual line for each plant. The price remains at \$15.00 per plant this year. *Thank you!*

## The Board of Elders Welcomes Stephen Beitz

After prayerful consideration, Stephen Beitz has answered God's call to join the Board of Elders. Stephen is a long time member of ESLC and has served previously in this important role as Elder. Stephen will take over the Shepherd Group formerly served by Gene Kunkel.

*Please join me in welcoming Stephen to serve as an Elder and keep him in your prayers.*

*~Dan Arkfeld  
Head Elder*

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### ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Now is the time to direct your Choice Dollars to your favorite charity. Thrivent provides Choice Dollars to be given to charities that you already support. There is a huge selection of charities from which to choose including Eternal Shepherd. You can sign into your Thrivent account on-line to do this, but you only have until March 31<sup>st</sup> before the Choice Dollars expire.

*Thank  
you*



*Dear Member, thank you for the generous and gracious gift you gave me during the Christmas season. I am truly blessed to be a part of the ESLC congregation.*

## Safety & Security Enhancements

In our November meeting the congregation directed the Safety Committee to move forward with recommendations to improve the safety and security of ESLC. A window laminate is being installed on glass windows and doors to harden them and prevent the glass from shattering. The purpose of the laminate is to slow down access through a broken window by up to 90 seconds. The window laminate project is nearly complete.

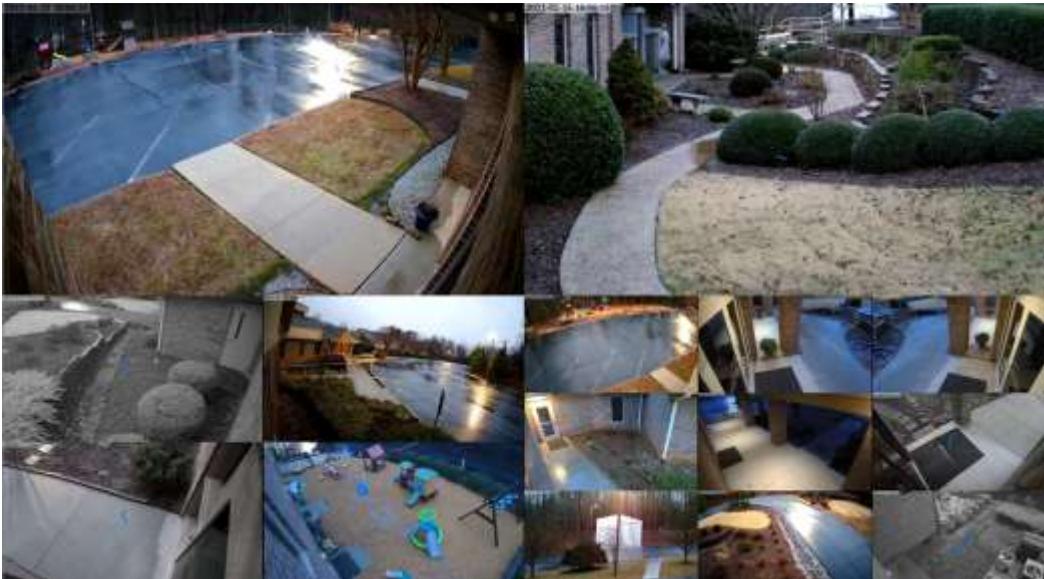
Security cameras have been installed around the exterior of the building and are now operational. The pictures below show examples of the various views available; in this particular example, the columbarium, and Little Lambs preschool and playground areas have been selected to be enlarged for better monitoring. Other areas such as entry points can be selected. Members of the security team are able to access any camera, and designate size on their smart phones or on a computer monitor.

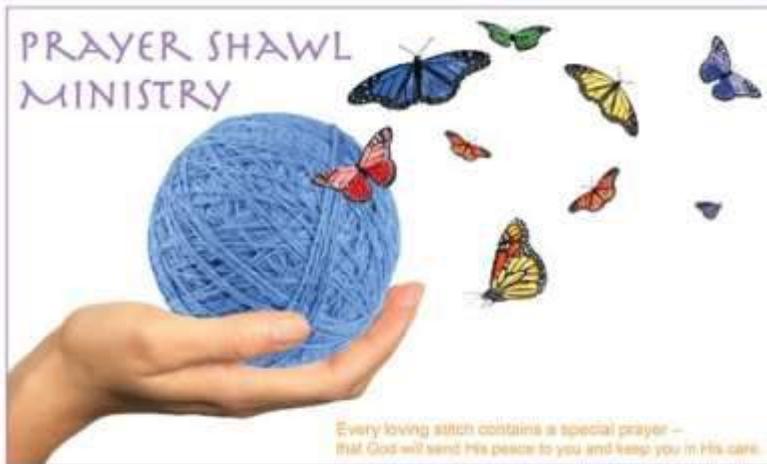
The cameras capture both video and audio information. In the unlikely event of an incident it is possible to go back to a particular point in time to both see and hear what took place and obtain forensic evidence. If you are having a conversation about a sensitive subject or something of a confidential nature wait until you are away from the cameras. The exterior of the building can be observed remotely through the Smart Phone App by staff as they are getting ready to leave the building or prior to their arrival to determine it is safe to do so.

The committee has been working with our consultant Captain Ken Washington to review our security status. Now that the monitoring equipment is in place we are working on how best to monitor and use it. We still need to have additional people join our security team to assist with monitoring. If you are interested please contact one of us.

Tom Eckersley Co-Chair

Dan Arkfeld Co-Chair





**YOU CAN HELP.** These are trying times. Do you know a family member or friend who is going through a difficult situation, whether it is health-related, job loss, ... no matter the cause?

Would a prayer shawl benefit this person? It will help them feel that they are loved and cared for by both you and by God.

If yes, prayer shawls and lap robes are available in the self-service kiosk in the Fellowship Hall by the closets in four plastic bins. Please select the prayer shawl that you think they would like. They are available in many different colors and styles. After you have selected the one to give, please sign the prayer shawl log identifying you as the giver, the person who you are giving it to and the date. That is all that you need to do. We do request that if you give this shawl in person, that you pray with them.

Well over one hundred people have already received our prayer shawls; their names are listed on a sheet behind the sign out sheet.

*Thank you for thinking of others. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Hauser.*



**Greeting Cards—** Birthday! Get Well! Encouragement! Praying for You! Sympathy! Thinking of You! Difficult Times! Anniversary! Baptism! Thanksgiving! Christmas! All these cards are available in the card cart located in the main Fellowship Hall. They are \$.50 a card and \$5.00 for a whole box. Take some time and check them out.

## *Comfort Dog News*



The Comfort Dog Team is excited to announce that we will be hosting a mobile blood drive in the parking lot at Eternal Shepherd in the near future through *The Blood Connection (TBC)*. Did you know that one unit of blood can save up to three lives? And right now *TBC* is in dire need of blood products. We hope to help!

Since *TBC* sends a mobile unit from Greenville to a donor site, they would like to know how many members would be willing to donate blood so it is feasible that they make the trip and so they can provide the necessary staff and supplies. This information is needed before we can set a date but we are aiming to host the event in the next couple of months, most likely on a Saturday or a weekday afternoon. Covid safety protocols will be in place which will require donors to wear masks and *TBC* will also sanitize donor chairs following each donation.

The Comfort Dog Team will provide homemade cookies and punch and Seth will be on hand to greet donors and offer a little comfort should they need it!

If you are interested in donating a unit of blood or have any questions, please email me at [topdogeslc@outlook.com](mailto:topdogeslc@outlook.com) or call/text at 864-932-8308 by March 14th. If you have never donated before, it is a very quick process and not painful at all (in my opinion). They even test your blood for Covid-19 antibodies! You must be in good health, at least 16 years of age and weigh over 110lbs. There are also certain restrictions as far as medications or overseas travel which may prevent you from donating.

Let's all do what we can to help save lives and share Christ's love to those in need!

To God be the Glory,  
*Kyra Carbone, Top Dog*



## Little Lambs Preschool Fundraiser is Coming Soon!

However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will not be having the silent auction part this year. Instead, we will continue the tradition with a new twist. **The Little Lambs preschool staff and board will provide a take-out spaghetti supper on Friday April 16th. Watch for order forms in your mailboxes and on the ESLC website.**

As usual, we will use the proceeds from this event to fund scholarships for families who would not ordinarily be able to afford the preschool experience for their children. Also, the proceeds will help maintain appropriate equipment, provide educational materials, and enrich the program in general.

This fundraiser is especially needed this year, since the pandemic has required that Little Lambs preschool have a smaller number of students for health safety reasons. Thus, our income has been severely impacted. We would greatly appreciate any monetary contributions over and above the spaghetti supper cost. **Please return order forms anytime before April 9<sup>th</sup>, by mailing to ESLC, 220 Carson Rd., Seneca, SC, 29678 or drop off in church office Spaghetti Supper box.**

*Thank you so much for your support.*

*The Preschool Board*



## Honduras Mission News:

**Honduras News:** In the midst of Pandemic and recovery from 2 hurricanes our Mission Partners at World Gospel Outreach continue to reach out to their communities with food, medicine and the Word of God. I would like to share part of a message from WGO's CEO Abel Pena.

To our partners and co-laborers in Christ,

2020 was undoubtedly an unprecedented year and yet, as we enter this new year of service to the Lord our hearts are filled with immense gratitude for your partnership with us. Your faithfulness in supporting the work of the Lord has brought much encouragement. Even amidst so much unknown, the Lord made a way for His name to be known and spread throughout Honduras and Belize. Consider these figures from 2020:

Honduras- 22,249 people served by U.S. Serve Teams (*teams traveled January – March*)

19,670 people served through CarePay (*we are responding*) -*italics mine*

41,919 lives touched by the Gospel message and love of Christ

Even with the background of a global health crisis and numerous obstacles, we rejoice in the sovereignty of the Lord to make His name known to the nations in 2020.

We hope before the year is up that we will be able to return to Serve Team ministry in Honduras. We are not sure what the shape of the team will be due to the changes but whatever the shape we (ESLC) will continue to support WGO's mission "to exist to serve and evangelize to abandoned children and the poor while impacting the faith of Christ followers". James 1:27 calls us "*to care for the poor, especially the widows and orphans*"; Matthew 4:19 tells us "*to be fishers of men and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost*"; and Matthew 25:31-46 calls us "*to be accountable before God for how we meet the needs of others*". These Scriptures are the foundation of the mission of WGO and we embrace them as we partner together in service to our Lord.

We thank all who have served, supported and continue to support this ministry. Please continue to pray for the ministry and for WGO's staff and missionaries in Honduras.

*Dios te bendiga, (God Bless You), Your Honduras Mission Team*



## RIPPLE REBATES

For several years, ESLC has given financial support to Ripple of One organization that provides services in our community. Their stated vision statement is **to transform generational poverty into generational progress one family at a time until the state of South Carolina is known for statistics in economic development rather than abuse and poverty.**

More information concerning Ripple of One is available at [www.RippleofOne.org](http://www.RippleofOne.org).

Your ESLC Christian Outreach Board is pleased to share with you a "partnership" that is in place between members of Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Ripple of One organization, a partnership of which members can actively participate. The "partnership" is between our church and the Ripple of One Resale store.

Here is how it works: (it is very simple)

When you or a family member donates your 'gently used' items to the Ripple of One Resale store, an employee will ask the name of our church. The store will keep a record of the cumulative value of your donation.

Quarterly, ESLC will receive Ripple Resale gift cards that will be available for use by our Elders and Pastor to be used as deemed appropriate.

Please note: donors are able to take advantage of a tax-deduction with every gift to the Ripple Resale store. The Resale Store is located (in the same mall) next door to Big Lots in Seneca.

*Thank you in advance for your participation in this unique "partnership".*

*Elaine Rich  
Board of Outreach*

## Crystal Holden: Graduate of Ripple!

Before joining Ripple of One I was on top of the world! I was so used to being the person that everyone depended on. I had a great job that paid very well. In 2013 that all changed for me in a way that I could not imagine. I had two premature babies which caused me to resign from a great paying job. I lived off of my savings for a while but that eventually ran out. I lost everything that I had worked so hard to attain. I then had to move back home with my parents. There was not enough room for all of my kids at my parent's house, so that meant separating them. That was probably one of the hardest things that I've ever had to do.



Then, my friend Tiffany suggested that I apply at Ripple of One because they could help me. I joined Ripple and things started to slowly change for the better. I was surrounded by people who understood my struggle and did not judge me. The staff at Ripple are amazing! From the Executive Director, Stephanie, to the volunteers and other participants; they were all there to be a helping hand. The best part is that they did not look for recognition! They wanted to help mold me and push me toward my God given potential. I now had a big support system outside of my parents. Finding a job was still hard, so they decided to help me in that area. I started a paid internship through Ripple at a real estate company which helped me gain a plethora of skills to use in the future. When the internship ended, I started working at a nursing home as an office assistant. I'm still there now!

Before Ripple, I used to save my money but with the financial coach that I received through Ripple of One I gained extensive knowledge and understanding about saving and managing my money. My coach, Gary, was God sent! He helped me put things into perspective when it came to my finances. Ripple also provided the best mentor a girl could ask for. Robin became my second mom. She jumped right in. She was there for me every step of the way. If I ever needed anything she was my go to girl! Robin was and is a God sent as well. Not only is she my mentor, she is my family.

While learning to save and manage my money I was able to move into my own place and get my kids under one roof. I am continuing to stay on a budget and I still contribute to my savings. Budgeting was always important to me but now it is essential. My kids tell me that they see a difference in me now that I utilize the skills that I learned in Ripple of One. They said that I am more focused and determined. My kids let me know how proud they were that I stuck with it and never gave up. They learned so much while in the program as well. They learned the importance of saving for what they want and I am so appreciative of that! I am still pursuing my bachelor's degree in business administration and now that I have graduated Ripple, I know I will be successful in school. I want to show my children, as well as others, that it can and will be done. I would like to tell others that it isn't easy but neither is life. You will feel overwhelmed and you will get aggravated but if you put in the work you will reap the rewards. Ripple can and will teach you life skills that will benefit you and your family so much! If you feel stuck, please take advantage and don't miss out on an amazing opportunity to change your life.



## Needs Mentors!

Our mission is to empower children to reach their full God-given potential and to break generational poverty.

Mentors are needed for 3rd-12th graders. Come and share life changing skills with our children!

Visit our website at [www.rippleofone.org](http://www.rippleofone.org)  
For more information, email Ria Dawkins at: [ripple.terria@gmail.com](mailto:ripple.terria@gmail.com)



## **CHURCH VOLUNTEER APPEAL FOR BABYREAD**

***Volunteers Needed for BabyRead during Pandemic***  
*BabyRead volunteers continue to stay in touch with families by texting, phoning and dropping off books once a month. **We need volunteers more than ever** to provide our moms and babies with books and moral support during this time of isolation. **Become a BabyRead volunteer by emailing Caren at [babyread@charter.net](mailto:babyread@charter.net).***



**DETENTION CENTER OUTREACH MINISTRY:** Please note the county has not yet made the decision to open the Detention Center up to visitation groups. We will let you know if we can go on our allotted date and time which would be Sat., March 13th. If allowed to go and you can make cookies or you have any questions, please contact Elaine Rich at (864) 944-7575 or [elainerich2@bellsouth.net](mailto:elainerich2@bellsouth.net). *Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.*

**FOOD BANK NEWS:** Please help us in collecting preferred needed canned, or boxed grocery items each month to help restock the Golden Corner Food Pantry's shelves. **March's** preferred product is "**Canned Tuna**" (Please place items in one of the trash cans marked Food Bank down by the main Fellowship Hall). *~Thank you for your generosity and support.*



## Hospitality Happenings for March

***No in house hospitality happenings at this time due to current restrictions.***

*As always we thank you for your support and look forward to the day we can once again join together at ESLC in fellowship.*

Thinking about joining the hospitality board? Please see myself or Marlene Bell with any questions. *In His service, Sue Williams*



**Scrip Cards** are available and make *great gifts* as well as **earn money for Eternal Shepherd at the same time.** For orders please contact **Libby Dunlap** by phone (864) 944-7477 or by email at [robertwd@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertwd@bellsouth.net). After the order is received one of the Scrip ladies will contact you to make arrangements for delivery. Scrip Card Team: **Beckie Rau, Libby Dunlap, Elisabeth Baker & Sue Hauser.** ~*Thank you for your support.*



### March Birthdays

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 - Pastor David Hammer  | 15 - Collins Hamilton  |
| 3 - Rocki Van Heusen     | Sue Watson             |
| 7 - Penny Klein          | 18 - Christopher Beitz |
| Alan Van Heusen          | 21 - Chris Worthy      |
| 8 - Lois Helland         | 23 - (Jodene Baker)    |
| Rick Stockman            | 24 - Monica Del Priore |
| 10 - Scottie Fredrickson | Joyce Krueger          |
| Barry Voeltz             | 25 - Lou Jolley        |
| 12 - Angie Munzenmaier   | 28 - Mike Peterson     |
| 14 - Harold Krueger      | 29 - Wayne Gugel       |



### March Anniversaries

- 1 - Ben & Lynne Smith
- 3 - Herb & Marie Schmidt
- 9 - Don & Evelyn Seigler
- 15 - Dave & Jane Smith
- 19 - Paul & Lane Wilson
- 21 - John & Cindy Munro
- 23 - Mike & Sue Peterson
- 30 - Scott & Debbie Krueger



## SPECIAL GIFTS/MEMORIALS

### In January the following gifts were given:

In loving memory of *Diane Marszal Bolding*  
the Elder's Fund received a gift of \$50.00,  
and the Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*) received a gift of \$25.00



In loving memory of *Warren Kluckman*  
the Memorial Fund received a gift of \$50.00

In loving memory of *Gene Kunkel*  
the Elders Fund received gifts of \$125.00,  
and the Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*) received a gift of \$25.00

In loving memory of *Bill Richards*  
the Organ Fund received a gift of \$1,000.00

### Other Gifts:

The Alaska Missions Fund received gifts of \$6,024.23

The Church Bus Fund received a gift of \$45.00

The Comfort Dog Ministry Fund received gifts of \$1,278.17

The Debt Reduction Fund received a gift of \$600.00 from CCCF Grant

The Elders Fund received a gift of \$120.00

The Food Bank Fund received gifts of \$315.83

The Haiti Missions Fund received gifts of \$864.27

The Honduras Mission Fund received gifts of \$471.33

The Lutheran Witness Magazine Fund received a gift of \$200.00

The Operation Christmas Child Fund received gifts of \$621.78

The Senior Member Care Fund (*based on Galatians 6:10*) received a gift of \$508.00

# 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 rainy 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! The weeklong celebration will end with a Dr. Seuss parade through the hallways of Little Lambs Preschool as the children are dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character!

**Also the first week of March begins our Preschool Registration for the 2021 -2022 School Year. Current families and church members can register March 1-14<sup>th</sup> and open registration will begin on March 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions concerning registration please feel free to stop by the preschool and I would be happy to assist you.

We will be discussing Fire Safety on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 the truck and even have the opportunity to climb in it and explore! As you can imagine, this is their favorite part of the day!

**At the end of March we will be out of school for Easter break. The preschool will be closed March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will resume classes on April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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*

# A PRAYER REMINDER

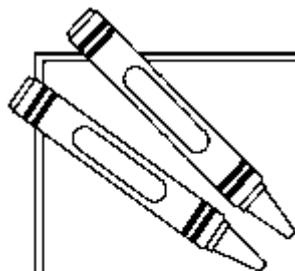
Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

## What you need:

- 2 sheets of 8½" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)

## What to do:

1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger.
4. Write a message on each finger:  
*(Pointer finger)* God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)  
*(Middle finger)* Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)  
*(Ring finger)* Sick and old people  
*(Pinky finger)* Myself  
*(Thumb)* My family
5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.



Just for **KIDS**

## Remember to Pray

There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philemon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.



Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
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... Philemon 1:4, NCV

Answer: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers...

## **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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