



The Shepherd's Voice

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Monthly Newsletter March, 2025

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

We are in the season of Lent, a "wilderness" time to reflect on our lives as we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross. It is the season for searching our souls, for reading and listening to the Scriptures, and for proclaiming God's Word and how our lives of faith intersect with the message God speaks to us. We are blessed this year as several members of our congregation share their faith story with us at each Wednesday Lenten service.

The Lenten services are all at 6:30pm on Wednesdays. The presenters are as follows:

- March 5, 2025: Ash Wednesday with Pastor Harald
- March 12, 2025: Lori Lowell
- March 19, 2025: Charlotte Travelli
- March 26, 2025: Mark Bronson
- April 2, 2025: Maree Smith
- April 9, 2025: Alyssa Zube

It is my hope that you who listen to these personal accounts will be touched in a way that inspires you to a new and deeper life with Christ. At the end of this Lenten season, in April, Easter comes again as the climax of God's revelation to us. It is God's proclamation of hope through the victory of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I recall a story about Ralph Waldo Emerson's maid who had just come home from hearing a street preacher announce that the world was coming to an end in

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two weeks. In her panic, she asked Mr. Emerson, "What shall we do?" To which he replied, "Don't be so distraught. If it becomes necessary, I think we can get along without this world." We may never have heard it said this way, but we trust that it is true because Christ promised it to us. Even when the world has come to an end, we have a promise of life beyond death. This we believe because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior.

CHURCH

Blessings to each one of you on your Lenten journey, knowing the journey of the cross leads to the hope of the Resurrection! Perhaps you are able to make worship on both Sunday and Wednesday one of your Lenten disciplines this year. See you at worship.

Pr. Harald



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Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

Sign up on the bulletin board in the concourse to sponsor the weekly bulletins or flowers in honor of a loved one or a special event. Please give us the reason you are sponsoring them. If you do not give us a reason, the bulletin will only have your

Readers & Ushers always Appreciated!

Readers and Ushers are always valued at our worship services. Please consider signing up on the sign up sheet in the welcome area at the back of the sanctuary. You can sign up to read for a time and day

Good Shepherd Men's Group

Our men's group meets Sundays at 6:30pm in the Mattes Center. Simply show up if you would like to join us, or contact Randy Page at grimmcaf@hotmail.com for more info.

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm in the quilting room. All women are welcome! If you have any questions, contact LeeAnn Lyden at (608)788-7651.





name as the sponsor. If you wish to sponsor the chancel or pulpit flowers, you are responsible for ordering and paying for them directly. Please be sure the flowers are delivered to the church office on or before Friday at noon.

that works for you. The readings will be sent (either by mail or email) to you early that week. Interested in ushering? Contact Kathy (608)788-0450. We really do need your help!



Serve Enriching Life, Sharing Talents

Thank You All So Very Much...

The Altar Guild. We are up and running again. With a few changes. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact the office or Ellen Klemp at 608-397-2139 or klempellen@gmail.com

Thank you to Ann Hudson who sends out meaningful cards and handmade prayer shawls to bereaved families throughout the year. If you are interested in making Prayer Shawls, please contact the office.

Care Ministries—Thank you to all members who are serving as Good Shepherd Care Ministers! By bringing communion and care to those who are shut in their homes or in care facilities you truly are reflecting "God's work, Our hands" through this ministry. One person said it truly is a gift to get a visit with communion through my care minister, it makes me feel connected to the church.

Prayer Chain Ministry—Thank you to all the members of Good Shepherd's Prayer Chain. Prayer ministers pray daily for Good Shepherd intentions, special/urgent requests, the community and the world beyond. Call Kathy at the office to serve through prayer.

Causeway Caregivers

Causeway Caregivers exists to help! Give Causeway a call if you need assistance in or around your home or if you have a few hours to volunteer helping those who do. (608) 775-9999 or visit our website: causewaycaregivers.org





Lead Raising Up Spiritual Leaders

Calling All Musicians!

Our "Sounds of Praise" worship band invites you to help us lead the worship here at Good Shepherd. "Sounds of Praise" is intended to bring together the greatest number and variety of instruments possible, presenting special music and enhancing our wide variety of hymn styles. Whatever type of instrument you play, "Sounds of Praise" welcomes you! Please call Randy Lyden at (608) 792-1305 or email randy@gslacrosse.org to be a part of this growing and exciting praise band!

We rehearse as part of our 8:30am Sunday

May in the Mattes Center and new members

are always welcome! If your children would

like to be a part of the Sunday School Choir, please contact Darlene Lassig at 608-769-1499 or at darlene@gslacrosse.org.

School program from September through

Connect Bridging Our Community To Our World

Mobile Meals of La Crosse

We are did 9 weeks for Mobile Meals throughout the 2024 calendar year and we will be doing 9 weeks in 2025!

Remember that many of the people that our meal drivers deliver to may see no one else but the you that day, so please give them a big HI and a smile from you and Good Shepherd!! If you are interested in helping please look for the yellow bus up on the bulletin board to sign up.

West Avenue Food Emergency Relief

Food donations for WAFER may be left in the stewardship area in the concourse or you can support WAFER with a monetary gift. Simply make your check out to Good Shepherd, indicate WAFER in the check Pick-up place is Franciscan/Mayo at the Mississippi Street entrance, pick-up time is 10:30am to 10:45am.

Please allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours for deliveries. We are route #1.



memo, and mail your check to us or drop it in the offering basket if you attend one of our in person services.



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses between services every Sunday from September through May and new members are always welcome!! If you would like to join our Sanctuary Choir, please contact Karl Greenfield at 790-3785 or at karl@gslacrosse.org

Hand Bell Choirs

Sunday School Choir

Practices are on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm from September through May in the Choir Room. If you have any questions please contact Linda Jerome at 317-1335 or email at linda@gslacrosse.org.

Creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed ELCA World Hunger

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Good Shepherd Youth Group provides a chance to meet other awesome teens just like yourself. We meet weekly in the youth room of Good Shepherd on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Come when you are able, during Lent we meet after the Wednesday Lenten Service. We also have social events throughout the year along with a yearly mission trip. Want to learn more? Contact Karina Bronson at Karina@gslacrosse.org

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, Ecclesi

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Scouting for Girls Meet at Good Shepherd

Cub Scouts—Pack 10 meets at 6pm, 2nd & 4th week on Tuesday's in the Mattes Center. Off over the summer.

Boy Scouts—Troop 22 meets at 6:45pm weekly on Tuesday's in the Mattes Center. Off over the summer.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 788-0450 and we can connect you with the group leaders.

Stewardship

Memorials & Special Gifts

Good Shepherd gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were received from Jan. 20th through Feb. 16th.

Lila Seager Memorial

John & Betty Brewer Jim & Sheri Schneider Harald & Andrea Bringsjord Garold & Kay Becker G.J. & Elaine George Mitzi Holley Scott Horne Russel & Gail Cunningham Margaret Grenisen John Cochran Frances Dahlke Phil & Kathleen Doescher Barb Smvth Dave & Judith Bouffleur Linda Kastantin Jovce Wichelt Paul Henke Stephan Shultz Cynthia Hart Michael & Sue Heroux John & Mary Snider Kathryn Wine Doug & Merri Shupe Jim & Sue Bugge Tim Halvran Nao & Mia Mora

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Harald & Andrea Bringsjord Monty & Lois Gilbertson Quinten & Karen Larson Greg & Beth Bonney Debbie Woodruff Eric Woodruff





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Shirley Holman Memorial Harald & Andrea Bringsjord Michelle Millen

January Monthly Benevolences From Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ELCA / Synod Support	\$3,987.00
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$84
Companion Synod - Peru	\$10
Synod Seminary Scholarships	\$10
Sugar Creek Bible Camp	\$160
WI Lutheran Social Services	\$200

Ed Keuper Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord Kathryn Schroeder

Food For Schools

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord Kris Bernhardt Barb Smyth Jim & Sue Bugge Mark & Bridget Skolos Greg & Beth Bonney Good Shepherd WELCA Jerry & Virginia Larsen Mike & Gwen Vande Zande John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl Roger & Kenna Christians George & Judy Brockman John Wood Kyle & Heather Von Ruden Monty & Lois Gilbertson Chad Cullmann & Carli Meil

Lutheran Disaster Response Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Giving Tree Kris Bernhardt

Elnor Hangen Memorial

Gordon & Mary Ann Dreves

Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30	10:30
01/05/25	112	51
01/12/25	72	54
01/19/25	88	45
01/26/25	105	46

Envelope Offering Comparison

January 2025	January 2024	% Difference	
\$34,559.38	\$20,702.63	66.9%	
YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Difference	
\$34,559.38	\$20,702.63	66.9%	

Weekly Envelope Offerings

Date	Weekly	% Budget
01/05/25	\$12,217.05	167.5%
01/12/25	\$4,442.80	60.9%
01/19/25	\$4,598.95	63.0%
01/26/25	\$13,300.58	182.3%
Total:	\$34559.38	118.4%

If you would like to view the complete financial statements that are shared with the Council, please contact Rick in the church office at 788-0450 or email rick@gslacrosse.org



Around the Parish...

Burrito Breakfast

Join us in the Mattes Center for a Burrito breakfast Sunday, March 2nd between services, while supplies last. Burritos with all the fixings or just have it on a plate. A free will offering will be accepted. Come join us!

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle is meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Join us March 4th at 1pm in the Mattes Center. All women are Welcome.

Good Shepherd Women-WELCA

WELCA welcomes all women from our congregation to be part of this committee. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 6th at 6pm on Zoom and in person.

Quilting

Please join us in making quilts for LWR starting in January. Will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 9 am to 3 pm in the quilting room. If you are only able to stay for part of the day, come when you can and leave when you need to. If you wish to sew at home, you can look at the LWR web site for specifications for quilts. Hope to see you on March 10th.

Grief Support

Grief support meets in the choir room at Good Shepherd twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 3pm. Our next meeting will be March 13th. All are welcome.

Game Night

Game Night for all ages is Friday, March 14th from 6-9pm. in the Mattes Center. Bring your favorite game, or learn a new one. Games vary, but include a variety of board, card, and other games. Contact Randy at grimmcaf@hotmail.com with any questions.

Cancer Center Support Group

Cancer Support Group gives adult cancer patients and their caregivers a safe, confidential place to share feelings and experiences with others whose lives are affected by cancer. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5pm in the Mattes Center. Next meeting is March 18th. Questions, call Janette 608-775-1197

Bunco Night

Our next Bunco night will be on Friday, March 21st at 6pm. Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift. The theme is "St Patrick's". Bunco takes place in the Mattes center and is for ages 18 years and older. Contact Judy Christopherson at 788-4335 or 769-3656

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to Bill Klein for his years of hard work and dedication to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as our custodian. Bill's last day was Friday, February 21, so tell him thanks and wish him well when you see him.

Good Shepherd Men's Group

Our men's group meets Sundays at 6:30pm in the Mattes Center. Simply show up if you would like to join us, or contact Randy Page at grimmcaf@hotmail.com for more info.

Help Support LuMin!

LuMin, Lutheran Campus Ministry La Crosse, is a Christ-centered community. We believe that all people are created in God's image. and we thank you for your support of LuMin—in prayer, through cookies, and through your giving!

1. To make a donation online, go to www.laxcg.org/giving

2. Or make a check out to Lutheran Campus Ministry and send it to La Crosse Area Synod / LuMin, 2301 South Avenue, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

3. Or make a check out to Good Shepherd with LuMin on the memo line and include it with your offering.

Around the Parish...

Support Good Shepherd's Youth Group by purchasing scrip cards!

Stop by our table Sundays or get an order form from our website. Email Bridget to place an order at bridget_ammann@yahoo.com The office also has Kwik Trip cards available for immediate purchase!

Sign Up For Simply Giving

The *Simply Giving*® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps church members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to Good Shepherd through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Vanco Services, LLC provides electronic payment processing services at reduced rates—so your generosity goes further. Learn more by contacting the church office at (608) 788-0450

New Picture Directory

We will be doing a new Picture Directory this year. Our last one was done in 2019 and it is time to update because of all of the new members that have joined since. The picture taking days will start on Tuesday, May 27th to Thursday, May 29th from 1 to 8pm and on Friday, May 30th from 1 to 8pm. Learn more by contacting Kathy in the church office 608-788-0450 or Kathy@gslacrosse.org

New Picture Directory Committee

If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Kathy in the church office. 608-788-0450 or Kathy@gslacrosse.org

Hospital Visitations

If you are hospitalized at Gundersen, please register as a member of Good Shepherd in La Crosse if you would like a visit from Pastor Harald. Member names are provided to us from Gundersen for this purpose.

Vanco Mobile App For Donations

Give electronically on your cell phone using Vanco's app, **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement.** Set up is easy and only takes a few minutes.

We encourage everyone to download the app for free at the Apple App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, simply open the app and search for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church then select the one in La Crosse, there are a lot of Good Shepherds out there! Please call Rick at 788-0450 if you have questions.

Help Feed Area Children

Please continue to support the Food For Schools Project (formally Hintgen Food Project) with your donations. Food is still purchased for Hintgen, but because of your generosity we are also able to make donations to the food pantries of other area schools too! Make your checks payable to church, but indicate Food For Schools Project in the memo line.

Lessons of the Holocaust

On Wednesday March 19th at 7:00 p.m. Holocaust survivor Peter Feigl, who graced our stage in 2012 and 2023, will return in conjunction with the 18th annual Holocaust Educators' Workshop at Viterbo for state-wide Holocaust educators. Peter is dynamic and his story will amaze you. The event is free-ofcharge.

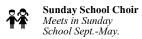
Please e-mail Darryle Clott with any questions at clottdarryle@gmail.com or call her at 612-720-6447.

The age of survivors is drawing to a close. To meet Holocaust survivors in person is to touch history. Please do not miss this opportunity.

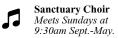
Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Begin your Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30 pm on March 5th.

March 2025



Bell Choir Meets Sundays at 5:30pm Sept.-May.



Sounds of Praise Meets as scheduled on Saturdays at 4pm..

Worship and Sunday School at 8:30, and worship at 10:30. The 8:30 service will be live steamed at www.gslacrosse.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February 23	24	25	26	27	28	March 1
8:30am Worship 8:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 17 4:30pm Boy Scout Troop 22 6:30pm GS Men's Group	9am Quilting	6pm Parish Ed Meeting	6:30pm Confirmation	3pm Grief Support		
2	3	4 Shrove Tuesday	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8
8:30am Worship/communion 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Burrito Breakfast 10:30am Worship/communion 4:30pm Boy Scout Troop 22 6:30pm GS Men's Group	10am Before the After	1pm Lydia Circle 6pm Buildings & Grounds	6:30pm Lenten Worship/Comm	6pm WELCA Meeting		3pm Henderson Baptism
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Your Health From the desk of our Parish Nurses

Greetings,

Colorectal cancer or cancer of the colon or rectum is the third leading cause of cancerrelated deaths in the U.S. Early detection is vital, as treatment is successful with 85 percent of colon cancer patients living at least five years. Colon cancer occurs when cells in the body being changing and multiplying at fast rates. The colon in the last part of the digestive tract and plays a large role in absorbing water and storing food waste.

Screening for colon cancer is recommended at age 50 for both men and women. For those at average risk for colon cancer, a colonoscopy is the recommended form of screening and should take place every 10 years. Risk factors such as family or personal history may need a colonoscopy earlier or more frequently. Colonoscopy not only detects cancer but can identify pre-cancerous growths knows as polyps. These polyps are removed before they turn into cancer.

Patients with colon caner may notice symptoms right away. By the time symptoms appear, the cancer may have grown or spread to other organs. Symptoms can include: a change in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation, or a feeling your bowel is not empty after a bowel movement, bright red or dark blood in your stool, constant tiredness, stools that are thinner than normal, unexplained weight loss and vomiting. Screening can save your life. If you have any of these symptoms, are 50 or older, or have a family history of colon cancer you should be screened. Consult with your primary care provider if you believe you need to be screened.

Take care,

Cody and Kerstin Nedegaard



Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard

GS Volunteer Parish Nurses Cody_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org

Health Questions? Gundersen Telephone Nurse Advisor 24/7 at (800) 858-1050.



- Jim Bugge President of the Congregation buggejim@gmail.com
- Janette Dawson Vice President of the Congregation

Church Council Members

- Tim Knudsen Treasurer
- Jennifer Laszewski Secretary

Other Church Council Members include: Karl Noll, Thea Johnson, Mark Skolos, Lori Lowell, Matt Heberlein, Barb Smyth, Tom Andersen, Barb Coppernoll-Geary, Jen Servais, Glen Johnson, and Pastor Bringsjord.

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Karl & Jaime Greenfield Sanctuary

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- Karina Bronson Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry karina@gslacrosse.org
- Randy Lyden Music Director/ Organist randy@gslacrosse.org (608) 792-1305

Questions? Don't know who to contact? Contact the Church Office.

(608) 788-0450 | office@gslacrosse.org | www.gslacrosse.org 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601 (Office hours 8am to 1pm)

Sunday School Update Pre-school thru Grade s

Hello everyone!

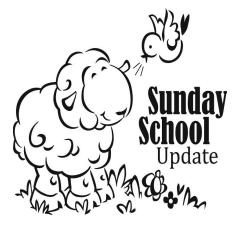
The Sunday Schoolers will be starting their Lenten Project soon! This year we are focusing on giving and helping out the Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter and Coulee Region Humane Society. If you would like to help with our cause, there will be a table near the back of church for donations. We are looking for disinfecting wipes, dawn dish soap, Milk Bone brand milk bones, cat litter (clumpable), Meow Mix moist cat food, Greenies Pill Pockets, Tide Pods Laundry Detergent (original scent), cat toys (catnip free), and Greenies Dental Treats. The Sunday schoolers are also making dog bones and will need peanut butter. If you would rather skip the shopping and bring money and coins in instead, there will be a basket for that as well! Your donation will go towards flea and tick and heartworm prevention medication, vet bills, and other expenses the shelters have. This project will run from March 9th - April 13th. Thank you to all who donate!

Sunday School will also be holding an Easter Egg-stravaganza event on Palm Sunday, April 13th. This event will take place in between the services and includes an egg hunt, games, and crafts! The sign-up sheet will be at the back of church and on the Sunday School bulletin board. The cutoff date to sign up will be Sunday, April 6th. The egg hunt is for ages Birth to Grade 5, and guests are welcome! We are looking for volunteers who would like to share a

craft or game with the children during this event as well. Please let me know or sign up on the Sunday school bulletin board if interested!

Mark your calendars for The Days of Creation Vacation Bible School 2025! VBS will take place Sunday, August 10th through Thursday, August 14th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. More information and registration coming out soon!

Best Regards, Brea Ellison



Quick-Look Upcoming Events At a Glance

Sunday, March 2nd	Lenten Project and 4th Grade Milestone
Sunday, March 9th	The Good Samaritan Unit
	(Art, Cinema, and Games)
March 16th - March 30th	Jesus Feeds 5,000 Unit
	(Kitchen, Science, and Computers)
Sunday, April 6th	Service Project
Sunday, April 13th	Palm Sunday: Parade, lesson, and Easter Egg-stravaganza in between the services
Wednesday, April 16th	Annual Seder Supper Ceremony 6pm – Mattes Center (Registration Required)



Brea Ellison

Children's Education Coordinator Breanna@gslacrosse.org (608)788-0450

Stay Connected!

Receive message alerts for Sunday School at Good Shepherd. Send the message @gs-Sunday to the number (608) 807-2784. All parents and children with a cell phone are encouraged to sign-up! Data charges may apply. Must age 13+ to sign up without parental guidance. This service is brought to you by Remind®.



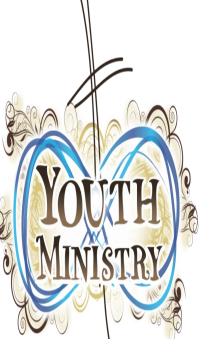
Youth Update Confirmation (Grades 6-8) High School Youth (Grades 9-12)



"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." Psalm 1:3

We are starting to begin to count down the days until our 8th graders get confirmed. Spring is almost here, which is a time to celebrate new things and the rebirth of God's gift. Although classes have now ended, I encourage my students to attend the Lenten services that take place at 6:30pm every Wednesday. As a thank you I want to give a shoutout to all the amazing parents and guides that made confirmation sessions possible and how big of an impact they made on the young adult's faith journeys. I will also be taking suggestions from my high school youth on how to freshen up the youth room which is a project I am hoping to complete come summer for our high school youth to enjoy fellowship. Speaking of summer, I have invited my 8th graders and their guides to continue to meet and stay in contact with each other. I am so proud of everything our confirmation students have accomplished and I am excited for what our next year brings!

Cheers! Karina





Attn: High School Youth

We are looking for members to revitalize our High School Youth Group. We plan to meet weekly in the youth room of Good Shepherd on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Come when you are able, leave when you need to. During Lent we also meet after the Wednesday Lenten Service.

We plan to have social events throughout the year, along with a yearly mission trip, but we need active and involved members to do

these things! If you would be interested in joining our Good Shepherd Youth Group, Please contact Karina Bronson at Karina@gslacrosse.org.

Support Good Shepherd's Youth Group by purchasing scrip cards!

Contact Bridget Skolos to see what is currently on hand or fill out an order form to request cards from Amazon to Walmart with several store or restaurant options in between. The three easy steps to order are:

- 1. Print and fill out the Order Form from the church website.
- 2. Write your check out to Good Shepherd Youth Group for the amount of your order.
- 3. Submit your completed order form and payment to the church office or me.
- The orders will be compiled and placed the first week of the month.

Bridget's contact information is: bridget ammann@yahoo.com

The church office also has Kwik Trip cards available for immediate purchase.

Karina Bronson

Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry Karina@gslacrosse.org (608) 788-0450

In the Office: Varied hours



Follow the activities of the G4Squad on Instagram: g4squadlax

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Music Notes From The Director of Music

Just As I Am

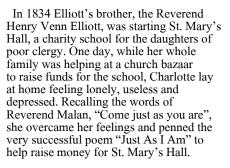
Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Just As I Am", the signature hymn of the Billy Graham crusades, was written by English poet, hymn writer, and editor Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Elliott was born in Brighton, England to Charles and Eling Elliott. Her maternal grandfather, the Reverent Henry Venn, was an evangelical preacher and her parents belonged to the evangelical wing of the Anglican Church. She was well educated and developed a passion for music and art early in life. She also became a portrait artist and a well -known writer of humorous verse.

At an early age, Elliott developed an awareness of her own sinful nature and felt unable to face God. She came to live a secular life until, at age 32, she was inflicted with a severe and debilitating illness that left her feeling the need for a personal Savior. Around this time, the Reverend Cesar Malan was visiting her father's residence and asked her if she was at peace with God. She resented the question, but a few days later told him she wanted to cleanse her life before becoming a Christian. Malan told her, "Come just as you are" and she became a Christian that day. Her health improved the following year, but in 1829 she relapsed and suffered severe debilitation for the rest of her life.

Randy Lyden

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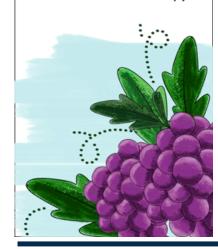
Try this chilly new take on a healthy snack.

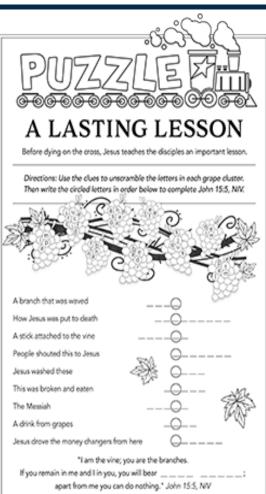
What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

What you do:

- On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
- 2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
- Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
- Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
- 5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!





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