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LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter April, 2025

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

The Fence: A Lenten Reflection

There once was a boy with a fierce temper. One day, his father handed him a bag of nails and said, "Each time you lose your temper, hammer a nail into the back fence." On the first day, the boy hammered 37 nails into the fence. Gradually, however, he realized that controlling his temper was far easier than pounding in nails. Day by day, the number dwindled, until finally he went an entire day without losing his temper. Excitedly, he told his father, who then proposed a new task: "For each day you manage to hold your temper, remove one nail from the fence."

The boy worked diligently, and eventually, all the nails were gone. His father then took him to the fence and said, "You've done well, my son, but look at the holes in the wood. This fence will never be the same. When you speak in anger, the wounds you leave behind—much like these holes—remain. You can apologize, but the scars stay. Remember, words can wound as deeply as any knife."

Friends, the father continued, are rare treasures. They lift us up, encourage our successes, lend their ears and hearts, and share kind words that heal rather than harm.

Lent and Renewal

The seasons of the church year call us to reflect on different facets of our faith journey. Lent, the season we are observing as you read this newsletter, is one of renewal—a sacred time to deepen our relationship with God and with one another.

As we contemplate our Lord's journey to the cross, which paved the way for Christ's glorious resurrection, may our hearts be renewed. Let us rest assured that we are held in an everlasting love through Christ and strive to live lives that reflect God's profound love. Though we may not reflect God's love perfectly, we gather as the imperfect but beloved body of Christ. Together, in worship, we find renewal for our souls, enabling us to live not as those who harm but as those who heal.

From Lent to Easter

As we transition from Lent to Easter, let us rejoice in the risen Christ. May we live graciously as people of the resurrection, bringing healing, kindness, and love to the world.

Have a blessed Easter.
Pr. Harald



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Give

Volunteering Within Church

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

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.*

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

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!

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.



Thanks to our Volunteers

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!



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

Sunday School Choir

We rehearse as part of our 8:30am Sunday School program from September through 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.

Hand Bell Choirs

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.

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, *Ecclesiastes 12:1*

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 with Mobile Meals please contact Kathy in the church office 608-788-0450.

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.



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

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



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

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 Feb. 16th through March 22.

Shirley Holman Memorial

Paul Ulland

Food For Schools

Jim & Jan Quinn
 Jim & Claudette Giblein
 Ann Keuper
 Rich & Barb Doering
 Duane & Arlene Dreves
 Leonard & Rita Klahn
 John Wood

Lila Seager Memorial

Mark & Kim Bohlig
 Joyce Herlitzke
 Don & Darcy Skibba
 Sandra Mc Farland



Carol Juel Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Sue Larson Memorial

Michelle De Leon

Phyllis Lynch Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
 Don & Darcy Skibba

Jim Strait Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Giving Tree

Kris Bernhardt

WAFER

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl

HVAC Donation

Monty & Lois Gilbertson



February Monthly Benevolences From Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ELCA / Synod Support	\$3,456
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$84
Companion Synod - Peru	\$10
Synod Seminary Scholarships	\$10
Sugar Creek Bible Camp	\$160
WI Lutheran Social Services	\$200
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$65

Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30	10:30
02/02/25	91	58
02/09/25	87	79
02/16/25	78	47
02/23/25	93	45

Weekly Envelope Offerings

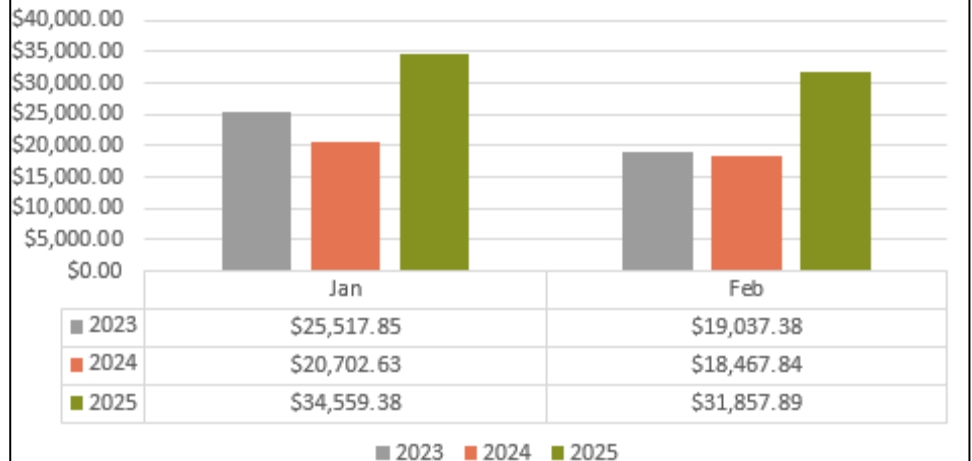
Date	Weekly	% Budget
02/02/25	\$4,765.00	65.3%
02/09/25	\$14,140.03	193.9%
02/26/25	\$7,441.71	102.0%
02/23/25	\$5,511.15	75.5%
Total:	\$31,857.89	109.2%

Envelope Offering Comparison

February 2025	February 2024	% Difference
\$31,857.89	\$18,467.84	72.5%
YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Difference
\$66,417.27	\$39,170.47	69.5%

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

Envelope Offerings



Around the Parish...

Lenten Services

Lenten services will be held every Wednesday at 6:30pm with a cake and coffee fellowship following the service.

Good Shepherd Women-WELCA

WELCA welcomes all women from our congregation to be part of this committee. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 3rd at 6pm on Zoom and in person.

Burrito Breakfast

Join us in the Mattes Center for a Burrito breakfast Sunday, April 6th 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 2nd Tuesday for the month of April. Join us April 8th at 1pm in the Mattes Center. All women are Welcome.

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 April 10th. All are welcome.

Game Night

Game Night for all ages is Friday, April 11th 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.

Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Join us for Easter fun Sunday, April 13th from 9:30 to 10:30am in the Mattes Center.

Quilting

Please join us in making quilts for LWR. We 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 April 14th.

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 April 15th. Questions, call Janette 608-775-1197

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

Please come and enjoy the soups, meat & cheese trays, and desserts and beverages in the Mattes Center before the Worship Service. After the service, desserts and beverages will be available.

Thursday, April 17, 2025
5:30 - 6:30pm Soup Supper

*Only Desserts & Beverages served
after the church service.*

If you are interested in providing a dessert, please sign up on the back bulletin board. Contact Lori at 608-788-7315, 608-386-3388, or email lori@gslacrosse.org with questions or to help. This year the event is being hosted by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council.

Easter Breakfast

There will be an Easter Breakfast served following the Sunrise Service until 10:15am. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the welcome area if you could bring some type of bread or muffins.

Around the Parish...

Bunco Night

Our next Bunco night will be on the 4th Friday, April 25th at 6pm. Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift. The theme is "Easter". Bunco takes place in the Mattes center and is for ages 18 years and older. Contact Judy

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 11am to 6pm. Learn more by contacting 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.

We Are Restructuring Our Staff

Due to recent and future retirements, Good Shepherd is seeking a person for a part-time custodial position, and a part-time office assistant to the pastor and office manager.

Job descriptions for all staff positions are currently being revised, but both positions will be between 15 -20 hours per week. Interested people are encouraged to contact Rick in the church office now for information on either position. Complete job descriptions and applications will be available by the end of April.

Help Feed Area Children

Please continue to support the Food For Schools Project with your donations. Food is purchased for the children at Hintgen and donations made 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.



April 13-20

Palm Sunday:

8:30am Worship/Communion
(In Person / Live Stream)
10:30am Worship/Communion

Maundy Thursday:

5:30 -6:30pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Worship/Communion

Good Friday:

6:30pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday:

7am Sunrise Service/Communion
7:30-10:15am Easter Breakfast
8:30am Worship/Communion
(In Person / Live Stream)
10:30am Worship/Communion

April 2025



Sunday School Choir
Meets in Sunday
School Sept.-May.



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



Sanctuary Choir
Meets Sundays at
9:30am 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 streamed at www.gslacrosse.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 30 8:30am Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Care Ministry Meeting 10:30am Worship 2:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 17 4:30pm Boy Scout Troop 22 6:30pm GS Men's Group	31 9am Quilting	April 1 Polling Day 6pm Buildings & Grounds	2 6:30pm Lenten Worship Following with Cake & Coffee in Mattes Center	3 6pm WELCA Meeting	4	5
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20 Easter Sunday NO Sunday School 7am Sunrise Worship/communion 7:30 to 10:15am Easter Breakfast 8:30am Worship/communion 10:30am Worship/communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	21 5pm Finance Meeting	22 6pm Parish Ed Meeting	23	24 3pm Grief Support	25 6pm Bunco (Easter)	26 10am Lynch Visitation 11am Lynch Funeral
27 8:30am Worship 8:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm Confirmation 4:30pm Boy Scout Troop 22 6:30pm GS Men's Group	28 9am Quilting	29	30	May 1 6pm WELCA Meeting	2	3
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Church Council Members

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



- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Senior Pastor*
prharald@gslacrosse.org
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- **Linda Jerome** *Bell Choir Director*
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- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors* karl@gslacrosse.org (608)790-3785
- **Darlene Lassig** *Volunteer Sunday School Choir Director* (608)769-1499
darlene@gslacrosse.org
- **Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard** *Volunteer Parish Nurses*
Cody_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org

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)

Your Health

From the desk of our Parish Nurses

Greetings,

We decided to focus this month's article on stroke. Each year in the US there are more than 800,000 strokes. Stroke is a leading cause of death in the country and causes more serious long-term disabilities than any other disease. Roughly three-quarters of all strokes occur in people over the age of 65.

Stroke is a disease that affects the arteries leading to and within the brain. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood it needs, so it and brain cells die. An easy way to remember what happens during a stroke is to think of F.A.S.T. F stands for face, ask the person to smile, does one side of the face droop? A stands for arm weakness, ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? S stands for speech, ask the person to repeat a simple phrase, is his or her speech slurred or strange? T stands for time to call 911 (time is brain). If you or someone you know experiences any of these symptoms, and you suspect they may be having a stroke, call 911 as soon as possible.

The major risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, diabetes, high LDL cholesterol levels, smoking, and infections or conditions that cause inflammation, such as

lupus or rheumatoid arthritis. Early treatment with medications, or an emergency endovascular procedure can drastically improve someone's recovery from a stroke. Exercising regularly, eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, managing diabetes, quitting tobacco use, and lowering the amount of cholesterol, and saturated fat in your diet are some of the best ways to help prevent a stroke.

Take Care,

Cody and Kerstin



Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard

GS Volunteer Parish Nurses
Cody_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org

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



Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

Happy Spring!

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported and donated to the Sunday Schoolers Lenten Project so far! The final day to donate to the Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter and Coulee Region Humane Society will be Palm Sunday, April 13th! The Sunday Schoolers have been working hard and I have loved hearing about all the different ways they are helping others!

Just as a reminder that on Sunday, April 13th, in between the services, the Sunday schoolers will be holding an Easter Egg-stravaganza event. This event includes an egg hunt and crafts and games for the children to play. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out with this event!

On Wednesday, April 16th, at 6pm, we will be having our Seder Supper event in the Mattes center. This special event is to celebrate the 5th graders in their first communion. This is a very unique and special experience that anyone can attend. If you are interested in attending, please email me at Breanna@gslacrosse.org as registration is required.

Save the date! Sunday, May 18th during the first service the Sunday Schoolers will be sharing some of the stories that they learned during the Sunday School year!

Happy Easter!
Brea Ellison



Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

Sunday, April 6th and April 13th	Projects in Sunday School
Sunday, April 6th from 10 - 11:30am	5th Grade First Communion Training
Sunday, April 13th	Palm Sunday: Easter Egg-stravaganza in between the services
Wednesday, April 16th	Annual Seder Supper Ceremony 6pm – Mattes Center (Registration Required)
Sunday, April 20th	Happy Easter! No Sunday School
Sunday, April 27th and May 4th	Final Art Projects
Sunday, May 11th	Education Sunday Practice
Sunday, May 18th	Education Sunday



Sunday, April 13th from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Mattes Center.

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)

G4Squad



*"Then I will send rain on your land in its new season, both Autumn and Spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil."
Deuteronomy 11:14*

Happy Easter!

Hopefully the snow is now behind us and we can move forward with the new life of spring with soft showers of rainfall and the soft buds to welcome the new month of April.

We have a lot to look forward to this month with The Easter season beginning. Confirmation has a big day coming up with the service taking place on Sunday, April 27th at 2pm. We celebrate our 8th graders as they celebrate their affirmation of baptism and continue into their faith journeys. I want to give a thank you to the church congregation for supporting our confirmands through their journeys of faith.

As we come into the season of Easter, as Lent has now ended, I encourage all of my confirmation students to attend the Good Friday and Maundy Thursday services as well as Easter Sunday. I am hoping to start organizing the youth room so I

welcome the youth group to come and help out if they are willing and interested.

Great job to all my 8th grade confirmands once again, and I hope to keep in touch with the youth group next year!

Cheers!
Karina



Follow the activities of the G4Squad on Instagram: [g4squadlax](#)



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*

Music Notes From The Director of Music

Hymn Focus: "Lord of the Dance"

The popular folk hymn "Lord of the Dance", which the Sunday School Choir introduced to us in March, and we have been singing for these last weeks, was written by Sydney Carter (1915-2004). Born in London, England, Carter spent most of his life in that city, being exposed to many styles and types of music. He developed an eclectic musical taste and became particularly fond of English folk music.

He was raised as a Quaker pacifist and served in the Friends' Ambulance Unit in the Middle east during World War II. After the war, he worked for the British Council, resettling refugees in England. Although trained as a professional historian and teacher, Carter eventually followed his calling in poetry and songwriting, becoming a leader in the English folksong revival of the 1950s and '60s.

In his song "Lord of the Dance", Carter uses the metaphor of the dance to describe the life of Jesus, with the refrain inviting us to join him in this dance. In Carter's own words:

I see Christ as the incarnation of that piper who is calling us. He dances that shape and pattern which is at the heart of our reality. I sing of the dancing pattern in the life and words of Jesus. Whether Jesus ever leaped in Galilee to the rhythm of a pipe or drum I do not know. We are told that David danced (and as an act of worship too), so it is not impossible. The

fact that many Christians have regarded dance as a bit ungodly (in church, at any rate) does not mean that Jesus did.

Carter set his hymn to the 19th century American Shaker tune "Simple Gifts", composed in Alfred, Maine in 1848 by Shaker Elder Joseph Brackett. He considered the pairing of this text and dance-like tune to be appropriate because the Shakers saw dance as a spiritual activity. This lively dance tune is certainly one reason for the hymn's considerable popularity.



Randy Lyden

Good Shepherd Music Director
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New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

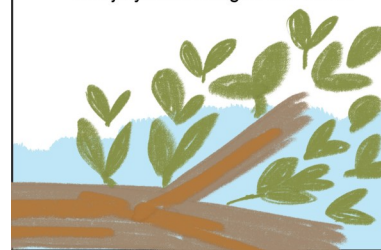
What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans



What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

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

1. C → ↓ ↓ _____
2. H → ↑ → _____
3. V ↑ → ↓ _____
4. I ← ← ↑ _____
5. T ↑ ← ↑ _____
6. P ↑ → → ↓ _____
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ _____
8. T ↑ ← ← ← _____



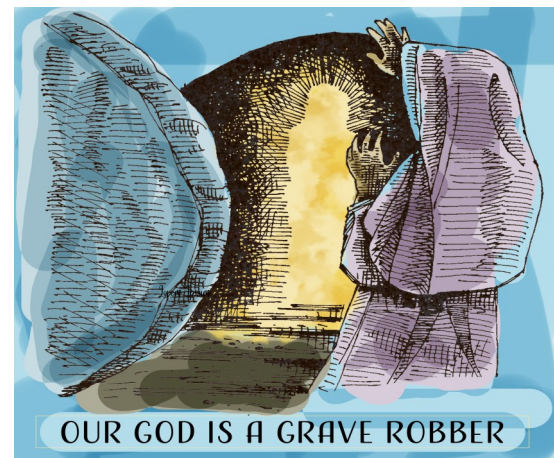
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth



OUR GOD IS A GRAVE ROBBER