

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School—Adults

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

11:30 AM Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Celebrate Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion



LENTEN CALENDAR

Wednesday February 22

Ash Wednesday

7:00 PM Worship - Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

8:30 AM Pre-Service Prayer

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday February 29

Mid-week Lenten Evening Service

6:00 PM Soup Supper

6:40 PM Catechism

7:40 PM Prayer at the Close of the Day



2012

Pastor Pages

From the Pastor's Desk

Lent begins in February. An opportunity.

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2012. Worship will happen that evening. Marking with ashes and hearing the reminder of our mortality is an opportunity. Some argue that all fear is rooted in our fear of death. Ash Wednesday is the time when we look death square in the face while at the same time looking Jesus square in the face. Jesus wins!

The other five Wednesdays of Lent will be used for growth in the life that God provides. We will look at Luther's "Small Catechism." (Copies are available on the Narthex desk. An outline of the material to be covered was sent via e-mail earlier.)

Those of you who are cradle Lutherans made your way through the Catechism as adolescents. Some of that study may have stuck with you, but I confess that I had too many other things on my mind when I should have been studying.

Reviewing the Catechism will be an opportunity for growth. With your life experiences and the guidance of God's Spirit this study should mean a healthier outcome.

Together we will discover that God's first Word is "I am the Lord your God." That is a statement of relationship that God establishes and that we live into through all our lives and times.

God has provided the Ten Commandments to enable us to enjoy that relationship.

Creeds. There are three of them. Saying "I believe" is akin to signing a name on a check. Integrity is at stake. Faithfulness to others is at stake. Reminding God that we are aware of God's loving activity is at stake.

Praying is an art form. A model for our prayer life was given when Jesus taught the first disciples to pray, "Our Father" Jesus' prayer is sufficient for our welfare, and encountering the prayer in study will be a "blessed assurance."

Baptism is new life for persons and the entry Rite for the Church. Talking about Baptism makes the new life even stronger and enhances commitment to all the people that God has chosen to represent God in the World.

The Holy Communion is a regular feature of our life together. The hymn says, "We become what we receive." The Body and Blood of Christ make us into the Body and Blood of Christ for our neighbors. Each Wednesday will begin with soup at 6:00 p.m. Each Wednesday will end with "Prayer at the Close of the Day" (Compline) by 8:00 p.m. Beginning, middle, and ending will be a joy.

Giving up something for Lent is an honored tradition. When you consider what to give up for Lent think about giving up two hours each Wednesday for worship, soup, and study. It will enable you to take full advantage of the opportunity that Lent provides.

God's peace,

R. L. Christensen

Music & Worship



MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

Calling all musicians, soloist, duos or groups. We are looking for people to perform special music during worship. Please contact Ardell Razor if you can help 425-333-6603.



CHOIR UPDATE



Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal for the up and coming months will be on Thursday nights at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Be assured that no experience is necessary to sing with us. We would love to have any newcomers try out a couple of rehearsals to see what it is like. Talk to Jeff or Marilyn Jewell to answer questions you might have.



CELEBRATE REHEARSAL FOR FEBRUARY

Join us for Celebrate Worship Team rehearsal on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm.



PRAYER TIME FOR WORSHIP – SUNDAYS 8:30 AM



Joined in Prayer

It says in the Parish Mission Statement that we're a: "Christ – centered, prayerful community. We pray intentionally for our worship services, for the pastor, for all members that come to worship, for all the guests that come to visit. In the bulletin it says: "It is no accident that you are here. We've been praying for you." Come together as a congregation to pray, to lift up our time of worship and all who attend. Time and place: Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Prayer Chapel.



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We will print a new a Parish Directory. Please verify that your address, phone number and email are correct in the current pictorial directory. Please notify the office if you have any changes.



UPDATE FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE:

Your call committee completed the 2nd round of Skype interviews before Christmas and we have now moved into the phase of calling select candidates for in-person interviews. This will occur during January and February.

Your Call Committee has taken a vow of confidentiality, so please don't ask about the candidates. Please do pray for the candidates, the Call Committee, our interim Pastor Dick Christensen and the entire congregation throughout the call process. Thank you for your continued patience during this time of transition.

Chris Anderson, Laura Radek, Trent Whatley, Don Benson, Linda Engert and Karen Stillwell

Youth & Education



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY INVITATION

DATE: **Sunday, February 12**
TIME: **9:00 am - 9:45 am**
WHERE: **Church Fellowship Hall**
WHO: **All Sunday School Children**

Come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship, celebrating the love of Jesus!

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



We have decided to discontinue the Youth room activities for the older children during the sermon and prayer time. Please find activity sheets, pens and markers at the Ark right as you enter the Sanctuary, there are wonderful work sheets, puzzles, and word games that can help entertain the older kids during the sermon and prayer time.

We will have an Adult and a youth available each Sunday welcoming children from birth to six years old in the Nursery room.



LOOKING FOR NURSERY HELPERS



Please see Terry Akre or Nursery door sign-up for available dates to serve. We need a helper and one youth to sit at 10:00am worship time. The kids are really fantastic and a lot of fun, come and join us for a Sunday, you will fall in love with them too!!

LUTHERWOOD ELEMENTARY RETREAT

March 16-17, \$35/participant

Please contact Trent & Lisa Whatley with your interest!

www.camplutherwood.org



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome everyone to join the adult class meeting every Sunday morning at 9:00a.m. in the library. The class schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 5th Romans, chapters 1-8
- Feb. 12th Romans, chapters 9-16
- Feb. 19th 1 Corinthians, chapters 1-8
- Feb. 26th 1 Corinthians, chapters 9-16



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



You are invited to Wednesday morning Bible Study led by Marlice Gilmore. We will meet for Bible study on February 8th at 10am at the Gilmore home in Providence Point. Couples and singles are welcome. For directions, please call 391-6614 or

email jomagilmore@mac.com.

Youth & Education

*Something to Feed Your Faith:

Feed Your Faith will be on February 12th. Please join us from 6-8 pm for a delicious dinner cooked by the Dybevik family. There will be a great bible study, worship, and lots of fun. See you there!

*Something Exciting:

Wanna go serve others in Mexico? Do it. The youth take an annual trip to Mexico every year to serve God's people and help others in need. This year's trip is coming up fast! If you want to learn more about this year's trip, come to the Mexico Meeting on February 12th right after church in the youth room. No commitment or obligations yet, this is purely an informational session. See you then!

*Something From Kari:

When someone gives you lemons...kindly ask for a cake. If no cake is available, kindly ask to take the lemon home with you and eat it later. Then take the lemon home, set it on the counter and try to think why you were given the lemon in the first place. What can you learn from this lemon? Who gave it to you and why? Is there a reason why you were chosen to receive this lemon? After much questioning and pondering, you will hopefully realize this lemon is a gift! Call the person who gave you the lemon and thank them for the gift, and appreciate what it can do for your life. The lemon may appear to be a sour, unenjoyable thing, but don't change the lemon, or add things to make it "better". Embrace it, appreciate it, and learn from it. Once you have done this, cut your lemon open, take a bite and enjoy.

Wednesday Evening Service

MID-WEEK LENTEN OFFERING



Please join us during Lent for the Lenten Evening Worship. We'll start our Lenten journey with an Ash Wednesday evening service that will include time for reflection, Confession and Forgiveness, Imposition of the Ashes and Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday service will be on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00pm.

This Lent we'll eat, study and pray. God is touching our lives on our everyday faith journeys. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, starting February 29th through April 4th.

Be sure to see the Catechism outline sent via email. Pick up a copy of Luther's Small Catechism in the narthex.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Supper at 6:00 pm

Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Ministry & Fellowship



THANK YOU CELEBRATION FOR KARI

Please join us on February 12th after worship in the Fellowship Hall to thank Kari for her work with the youth of SHLC. A sign up sheet for the salad bar luncheon is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the Fellowship Committee.



WOMEN IN MISSION

Do you like to coordinate colors? The Women in Mission need you! We have two full bins of fabric that needs to be sorted, as well as quilts that need to be tied (a very easy process.) Please join us on Tuesday, February 28. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM --- you can stop in for an hour or two, or stay the whole day. It is a great time of fellowship as we assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome!



DO NOTHINGS GROUP

This group is a part of Women's ministry and gets together from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm once a month for a wonderful time of visiting and fellowship. The Do Nothings will be meeting on Monday, February 6th, at the home of Velma Bak. You are welcome to invite a friend. Please bring your own lunch; coffee, tea and dessert will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Velma at 425-313-1916. See you there!



PROGRESSIVE DINNER



The Progressive Dinner will be on April 21st. Suggestions/volunteers regarding the menu and venue can be communicated to Lisa & Trent Whatley, or Sally Slippern. Thank you in advance!



PRAYER CHAIN

To add a prayer to the Prayer Chain, or if you are interested in joining the Prayer Chain, please call Mary Ardissono at 425-557-0263 or email jmlpsa@comcast.net. If you would like Pastor to pray for someone during the Sunday service, please contact the church office, and the first name of the person you wish to be prayed for will be mentioned during prayer petitions.



Men's Ministry

OPERATION NIGHTWATCH

We will be meeting every 1st Wednesday of the month at the church. Ideally on those nights we need between 6 to 8 volunteers who are ready for the challenge!



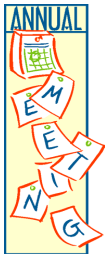
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men's Bible Study will be on Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00. The topic this month will be "Obedience - Abiding in the Vine" and will be based on John 15:1-17. As a teaser, as a branch on Christ's vine, how would you describe the fruit in you life - Grade AA? Green? Wormy?

Have you thought of a friend or two to invite? Our bible study and Operation Nightwatch programs offer 24 mid-week opportunities each year to invite friends to our regular activities. Come for pizza and fellowship as we get into Christ's words once again.

President's Report



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for our semi annual meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 5th at 11:30 am in the sanctuary. The Council is working on the annual report which will be distributed in February.

Church Family



Suzanne D'Errico	02/05
Deborah Yenubari	02/06
Greta Hillman	02/08
Werner Hoeft	02/11
Jeff Matson	02/11
Victoria Woods	02/17
Lukas Whatley	02/25

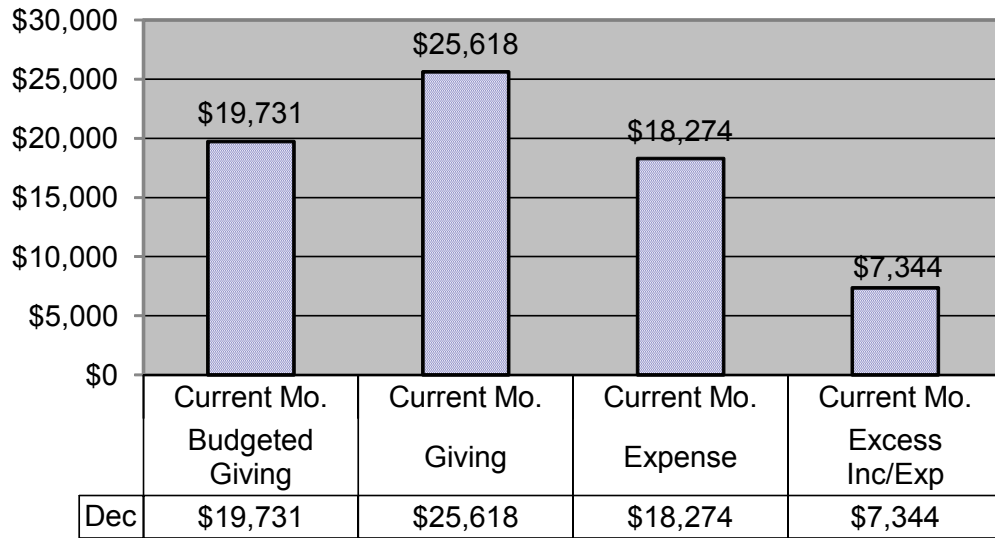


Harry & Marti Behrens	02/01
Mark & Jane McDowell	02/18
Stephen & Deborah Ravindranathan	02/20
Matthew & Sue Snook	02/24

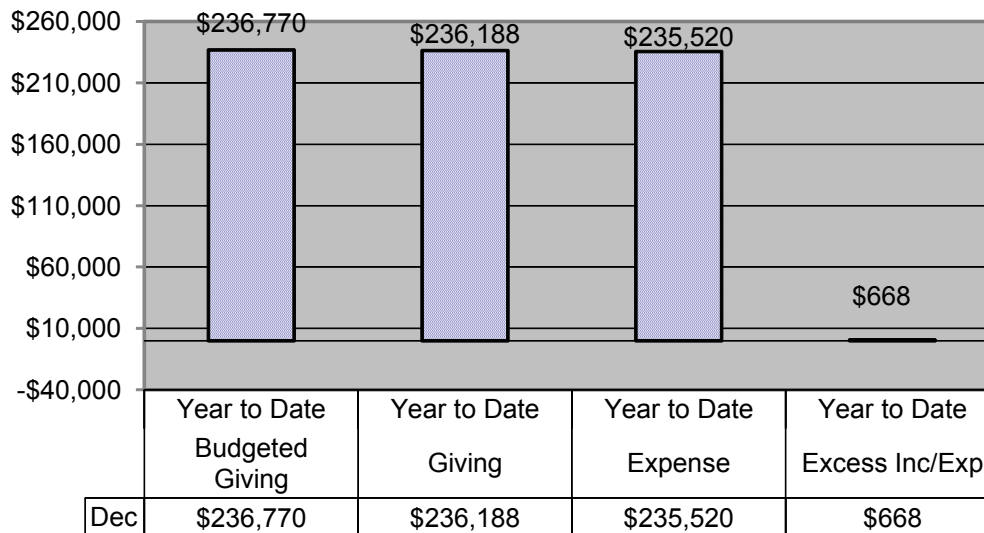


Treasurer's Report

Dec'11 General Fund



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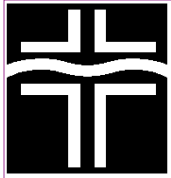
February / March Worship Volunteers

February	Greeter/ Usher	Reader	Hosts	Comm. As- sist.	Altar Guild	Flowers	Acolyte	Piano	Counting	Sound	Cleaning	Nursery
5	Arlene & Robert Williams	Mike Nordal	Holly Nordal	Holly & Mike Nordal	Kris Matson	Holly Nordal	James Radek	Marilyn Jewell	Jeff Matson & Nancy Anderson	Trent Whatley	Stillwell/ Behrens	Kim Olsen
12	Vivian & Al Sauerbrey / Linda & Paul Engert	Lynn Riggs	Lynn Riggs	Vivian & Al Sauerbrey	Lynn Woods	Vivian Sauerbrey	Lukas Whatley	Lisa Whatley	Chris Anderson & Don Benson	Chris Anderson	M. McDowell/ Matson	open
19	Wise Family / Ron Loos & Trent Whatley	Lisa Whatley	Robyn Johnson	Jay & Kim Kutzke	Spencer Wise	Sharon Solsvik	Olivia Snook	Janet Benson	Sharon Solsvik & Rick Aue	Spencer Wise	Lindsley/ Snook	Laura Radek
26	Mark & Jane McDowell	Jack Graham	Deborah Yenubari	Marti & Harry Behrens	Marti Behrens	Jane McDowell	Matthew Olsen	Janet Benson	Mark McDowell & Laura Radek	Stephen Ravin-dranathan	Einfalt/ Radek	open
March	Greeter/ Usher	Reader	Hosts	Comm. As- sist.	Altar Guild	Flowers	Acolyte	Piano	Counting	Sound	Cleaning	Nursery
4	Jay Kutzke & Eric Torrison	Denice Cronin-Hanson	Kim Kutzke	Denice Cronin-Hanson & Gary Hanson	Laura Radek	Debra Zadinsky	Annabelle Snook		Eric Torrison & David Jensen	Eric Slippern	Akre/Seiler	
11	Kim Olsen & Lynn Woods	Steve Akre	Linda Engert	Ron & Sue Loos	Lynn Woods	Kim Kutzke	Lukas Whatley		Rick Aue & Mark McDowell	Eric Torrison	Hoelt/ Ravin-dranathan	
18	Jim & Mary Ardissono	Jim Ardissono	Jane McDowell	Mark & Jane McDowell	Jane McDowell	Sue Loos	James Radek		Jim Ardissono & Nancy Anderson	Nancy Anderson	Wise/ Olsen	
25	Werner & Jan Hoelt	Jeff Matson	Marlice Gilmore	Jeff & Kris Matson	Harry Behrens	Cyndi Hertzog	Olivia Snook		Werner Hoelt & Chris Anderson	Chris Anderson	Anderson/ Zadinsky	

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:30pm Nightwatch (Seattle)	2 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 8:30am Pre-Service Prayer 9am Sunday School— all ages 9am Confirmation Class 10am Worship— Holy Communion 11:30am Semi-Annual Meeting	6 11am Do Nothings (home of Velma Bak) 6pm Master Chorus Eastside rehearsal	7 7pm Music & Worship Committee Meeting	8 10am Bible Study (Gilmore home)	9 10:45am Marionwood 7pm Celebrate Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 8:30am Pre- service Prayer 9am Sunday School— adults 9am Valentine's Day Party—Youth 9am Confirmation Class 10am Worship—Celebrate 11:30am Handbell Rehearsal 11:30am Luncheon for Kari 4pm Spiritwood 6pm Feed Your Faith	13 6pm Master Chorus Eastside rehearsal	14  Valentine's Day Meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline 7pm Men's Bible Study	16 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18
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26 8:30am Pre-service Prayer 9am Sunday School— all ages 10am Worship—Holy Communion	27 6pm Master Chorus Eastside rehearsal	28 9am Women in Mission 7pm Youth & Education Meeting	29 6pm Soup Supper & Study Prayer			





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- To be a dynamic and welcoming congregation (fellowship)
- To worship (worship)
- To grow in faith (discipleship)
- To share the gospel (mission)

LOOKING AHEAD—DATES TO REMEMBER

- Lutherwood Elementary Retreat—March 16-17
- Palm Sunday—April 1
- Good Friday—April 6
- Easter Brunch—April 8
- Progressive Dinner—April 21

Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of the month