

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
ABERDEEN, SD (605) 229-0846

Making Our Love and Mission Visible

Holy Week & Easter Worship Services

Palm Sunday - March 24
9:45am Worship Service

Maundy Thursday - March 28
5:30pm Seder Meal
7:00pm Worship Service

Good Friday - March 29
12:00pm Community Worship @ Bethlehem
7:00pm Worship Service

Easter - March 31
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Easter Breakfast
10:45am Contemporary Worship

Dear friends,

As we continue our **Rising Waters** series considering how we stay afloat while the realities of life seem ever deeper you are invited to deeper discipleship. Wednesdays we are looking at modern discipleship through the lens of Dietrich Bonhoeffer – a mid-20th Century Lutheran pastor. Bonhoeffer writes that Christian community is not an ideal, but a divine reality that is inherently messy because it includes you and me. Yet despite our own imperfections we are better together because we mutually serve as *"bringers of the message of salvation."*

One of my greatest joys as a pastor is serving as a *bringer of the message of salvation*, and because of that I am looking forward to Easter – the day when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Easter Day, Jesus conquered death and gave God's people the opportunity to experience new life. The women who went in search of Jesus early in the morning only found an empty tomb. The joy of Easter was the fact that the women encountered a Risen Savior and in turn became *bringers of the message of salvation*.

During Lent, we have had an opportunity to ponder our personal life, with its ups and downs. We have examined our current relationship with God. Such reflection and examination enable us to lean into God, because we begin to put our life into perspective. Easter is coming and God is giving us a fresh opportunity to live as Resurrection People.

One of the sacred privileges of being a disciple of Jesus and a part of the Body of Christ is that we are participants in and recipients of the benefits of the gospel. As Resurrection People we have countless siblings in Christ in the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

The apostle Paul wrote about the richness of this connection with other believers and used the word "koinonia" to describe this relationship. Koinonia is a fellowship, partnership, or joint participation. Paul understood that as disciples, we are not simply passive spectators but active participants in the work and ministry of the gospel.

One of the best ways to live as Resurrection People is to invite others to experience worship with you. Before we do so however one word to the wise: It's important to remember that not everyone has had positive church experiences. Let's be gentle in our invitation and discerning in our approach. We have the honor and privilege of "holding their hand" as some enter a church for the first time and others make their return to church. Easter is an especially wonderful time for disciples – Resurrection People – to invite others to join us. It's the essence of the good news of God's love for humanity in Christ Jesus.

With great joy as a *bringer of the message of salvation*, I invite you to join us for worship this Lent and to experience anew the power of the resurrection Easter Sunday, March 31st at 8:30 and 10:45am.

Peace,
Pastor Leland

Little Lambs Christian Preschool

ALL THE BUZZ!

March Upcoming Events

No class 7th & 8th,
13th, 14th, and 15th

Conferences will be
in April.



FLOCK TALK



Dear families -

In February we've had fun with hexagons, snowflakes, penguins, icebergs, and igloos (ice cubes & other frozen shapes) in our sensory table.

We talked about showing and sharing love by making and sending valentines through our "Post Office". We'll continue working on our letters, shapes, numbers, and being artistic! We've had some cool building going on in our block area.

School is out the **March 7th and 8th** and also **Wednesday, March 13th-Friday, March 15th** due to the split Spring Break.

Because of the turn over with teachers, the March conferences will be later in April. Mrs. Stolle's last day will be March 5th, yet plans to continue being on the sub list. If you have any questions, please call.

Blessings to all!!!



First Communion Milestone

On Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 1st–3rd grade students at Good Shepherd will take part in a special milestone as they celebrate their First Communion during the 7pm worship service. A formal Seder supper will be served at 5:30pm prior to the worship service.

A First Communion class for students along with their parents will be held on Sunday, March 3rd at 11am. A light lunch will be served during the class. During the class students will dive deeper into the meaning behind Holy Communion.



Congregational Invite to the Seder Supper

You are invited to take part in the Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday, March 28th beginning at 5:30pm! The Seder Supper is the traditional Passover meal that includes readings, eating special foods and other Passover traditions. A roast beef dinner will be served after the Seder Supper ceremony.

Tickets to attend this formal supper are \$12 a person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets may be purchased in the church office or by contacting Amanda Black at 229-0846 or amanda@goodshepherdaberdeen.org.

4th -7th Grade Seder Supper Assistance

This year 4th – 7th grade students & their families are asked to assist with preparing and serving the Seder Supper and dinner on Wednesday, March 27th & Thursday, March 28th. Families with students in these grades are asked to contact Amanda Black at amanda@goodshepherdaberdeen.org or 229-0846 by March 13th with the evening your family can assist.

When: Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30pm

What: Meal preparation, set tables, make unleavened bread — 4-6 families needed

OR

When: Thursday, March 28th from 4:30pm until approx. 7:30pm

What: Set up meal, serve and clean up — 4-6 families needed

Camp Visit at Good Shepherd



Staff from *Lutherans Outdoors* will be at Good Shepherd on Sunday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 17th to tell the church school & Confirmation students about summer camp! During church school kids will be able to ask questions and learn about camp. They will be introduced to a camp game or two.

There is still time to register your child for camp. You can view all of the camps offered by Lutherans Outdoors at losd.org. Good Shepherd youth attending camp may receive a campership. Youth can receive a \$100.00 campership the first time they attend a summer camp. Each year after, youth may receive a \$50.00 campership. Money in your family account, which is earned by helping with fundraisers, may also be used toward the cost of summer camp. Contact Amanda Black by May 1st at amanda@goodshepherdaberdeen.org or 229-0846 to receive a campership or to use money from your family account for camp.

Church School Dates to Remember

March 13th - 17th: Spring Break, No Church School or Confirmation class

March 27th - 31st: Easter break, No Church School or Confirmation class

May 5th: Celebration Sunday

YOUTH PAGE



Easter Breakfast

Enjoy breakfast at Good Shepherd on Easter Sunday! The youth and their families will be serving Easter breakfast on Sunday, March 31st from 9:30am -11am. A free will donation will be taken to help youth attend summer camps, the youth gathering and future youth trips. Pancakes, sausage, yogurt, rolls, fruit and juice will be served.

Easter Breakfast Assistance Needed

Youth and family assistance is needed with the Easter Breakfast fundraiser. Assistance will be needed on Sunday, March 31st from 8:30am – 11:30am. You can sign up on the sheets near the Welcome Desk or by emailing amanda@goodshepherdaberdeen.org.

Graduation Sunday

Good Shepherd will recognize graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 12th during 9:45am worship. **Seniors and parents of seniors:** Please email or bring in a baby or toddler picture and a senior or recent picture along with the future plans of your high school senior to Amanda Black by Friday, April 12th. We will include the pictures in a slide show on Sunday, May 12th. Graduates will be recognized and receive a gift from Good Shepherd during worship.



VBS & Day Camp - Save the Date

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." Psalm 139:14. This summer on June 17th -20th, youth ages 3 years old through 6th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School & Day Camp where Campers will dig into how

they are created to be Grace-filled, Authentic, Brave, Connected, and Disruptive. Good Shepherd is excited to welcome staff from NeSoDak Camp for Day Camp! Elementary aged kids that have completed grades 1-6 are invited to attend Day Camp at Good Shepherd June 17th – 20th from 9am – 3pm. Day Camp will be led by staff from NeSoDak. Preschoolers along with children that have completed Kindergarten are invited to Vacation Bible School June 17th -20th from 9am – 11:30am. VBS will be led by Good Shepherd staff and volunteers. Now is the time to sign your child up for a week filled with activities, games, worship, songs and crafts!

In order to make this week a success, we will need assistance from parents and youth in middle & high school. Volunteers will assist younger students with crafts, activities and games during the week. Please contact Amanda Black at 229-0846 if you would be able to share your time and talents.

Drive Up Donuts



The next Drive Up Donuts event will be on Wednesday, March 27th from 7:30-8:00am in the south parking lot. On the last Wednesday of each month, donuts, a devotion and a drink are available for pickup at Good Shepherd and Zion Lutheran churches. Everyone is invited to drive into the south parking, pull up to the table and receive a donut, drink and devo to go!

March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:55am Men's Fellowship Call 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool	2
3 9:00am Sunday School 9:45am Traditional Worship 11:00am First Communion Class	4 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool 7:00pm Men's Chorus	5 8:00am - 11:00am Preschool 1:30pm Staff Meeting	6 7:55am Men at Prayer 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool 12:00pm Lenten Worship in Chapel 4:45pm - 6:00pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Wednesday School 6:20pm Lenten Worship in Chapel 6:30pm Exultation Bells 7:00pm - 7:45pm 7th-9th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Shepherd's Choir	7 8:00am - 11:00am Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm Quilting	8 7:55am Men's Fellowship Call 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool	9
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31 <i>Easter</i> NO Sunday School 8:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am - 11:00am Easter Breakfast 10:45am Contemporary Worship						

Financials for January 2024



Daylight Saving Time
begins on March 10th.

Remember to turn your clocks
ahead an hour.

	Actuals	Budget
Income	\$47,391.08	\$46,258.33
Expenses	\$17,349.99	\$46,183.83

Notes: only one payroll in January as first payroll was posted 12/31/23.

Only one set of payables was posted by end of January, while others sent at the end of January but didn't post until February.



The Good Shepherd Scholarship Committee once again is announcing the availability of applications beginning March 17, 2024 for the academic year of 2024-2025.

Scholarships are offered to students planning to attend any post secondary institution (college, vocational, technical or trade school). The scholarship is not available for students going into Graduate studies and above. Scholarships are awarded competitively based on the following criteria: transcript of grades, church involvement, community/volunteer activities, and quality of the fully completed application. The application also asks for a person who has been influential in developing your Christian faith walk.

The applications are available on the website: www.goodshepherdaberdeen.org or on the card rack by the Conference Room and should be returned to the church office no later than 11:00AM ON MAY 3, 2024. All applications and authorized, signed transcripts must be submitted to the church office to be stamped and signed by authorized staff. No applications will be accepted after the 11:00am deadline on the 3rd of May.

Church Directory Photography Event

Good Shepherd wants you in the new photo directory! Universal Church Directories will be at Good Shepherd to take portraits of congregation members on April 9th – 13th. For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place in Good Shepherd's chapel. Pets are allowed in portrait sessions. Every household photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. During your portrait session, you will have a variety of poses taken and will be able to choose one pose for the directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits from your session if you would like to.

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter sd127 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. You can also call the church office at 229-0846 to schedule an appointment.

Easter Garden Flower Sale

The Altar Guild is selling the following flowers on Wednesdays and Sundays before and after worship. Orders can also be placed by calling or stopping by the church office. The last date to order flowers is **March 6** and payment must be received by that time. Flowers may be picked up after the second service on Easter Sunday or later during the week.

4 Inch Pot		6 Inch Pot	
Mum	\$15.00	Mum	\$24.00
Begonia	\$12.00	Begonia	\$19.00
Cyclamen	\$13.00	Cyclamen	\$20.00
Kalanchoe	\$12.00	Kalanchoe	\$20.00
Gerbera Daisy	\$13.00	Hydrangea	\$40.00



Rummage Sale Save the Date

Mark your calendar for Good Shepherd's rummage sale on June 6th & 7th! Good Shepherd's rummage sale will be Thursday, June 6th from 7am – 6pm and Friday, June 7th from 7am – 3pm. Items may be donated Monday and Tuesday, June 3rd & 4th from 9am – 6pm and Wednesday, June 5th from 9am -12pm. Please note that furniture, large appliances and televisions won't be accepted. All donations must be in clean and working condition.

Assistance will be needed to help set up the sale on the following dates: Sunday, June 2nd after worship at 10:45am, Monday – Wednesday, June 3rd -5th from 9am – 6pm. Volunteers will also be needed during & after the sale. Contact Amanda Black if you are able to help and earn money for your family account!

Thank you all for your support and help with Good Shepherd's rummage!

Good Shepherd Boards & Committees—2024

Executive Board

Gary DeVries - President 2025

_____ President Elect

Jessica Ringgenberg - Secretary 2025

Kathleen Getty - Treasurer 2025

Evangelism Board

Connie Getty 2025

Nathan Bobzien 2025

Evie Witlock 2025

Gene Morsching 2026

Life and Missions Board

*Renee Wensmann 2026

*Denise Auske 2024

Kathleen Getty 2025

Nancy Fauth 2026

Nominations Board

Tom Wensmann 2025

Wade Douglas 2026

Properties Board

*Ty Auske 2026

*Allen Auske 2026

Todd Langbehn 2026

Rob Keil 2026

Stewardship Board

Dillon Freudenthal 2025

John Papendick 2025

Jim Salfrank 2026

Worship Board

Dante Casanova 2025

Rosemary Eisenbeisz 2025

Diane Kost 2026

Youth Board & Children's Board

Amy Nilson 2025

Christen Salfrank 2026

Melany Binger 2026

Endowment Committee

*Joan Freudenthal 2026

*Mark Mehlhoff 2026

Funeral Committee

Deb Nerland

Mona Kapfenstein

Sharon Weishaar

Preschool Committee

Aleshia Armbright 2025

Pastor Leland

Scholarship Committee

Steve Caron - President

Sandy Cahoy - Vice President

Mike Kulm - Treasurer

Janene Papendick - Secretary

Gary Kost - Member at Large

***Denotes 2nd Term**

New Members



Are you looking to commit to Good Shepherd as your church home? Have you wondered what Good Shepherd is all about? YOU are invited to join a New Member class on Sunday, April 14 & 21 at 11:00am. We will welcome new members during worship on Sunday, April 28th. Speak to Pastor Leland if you want to be included or if you have any questions.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



03/01 Hoerth, Alan
 03/01 Martell, Earl
 03/02 Papendick, John
 03/02 Kolb, Colten
 03/02 Hovel, Bailey
 03/02 Wiederrich, Wilmer
 03/02 Frank, Barbara
 03/03 Ronke, Amanda
 03/03 Getty, Collin
 03/04 Flahaven, Theresa
 03/04 Kendall, Patricia
 03/04 Wiedrick, Dale
 03/05 Jacobs Jr., Paul
 03/07 Finnesand, Deborah
 03/07 Douglas, Wade
 03/07 Allen, William
 03/07 Punt, Denise
 03/08 Kolb, John
 03/08 Panerio, Alex
 03/09 Sudenga, Becky
 03/09 Rook, Nathan
 03/10 Ketterling, Caitlin
 03/10 Douglas, Livia

03/11 Malchow, Anna
 03/11 Davidson, Jon
 03/12 Brown, Dorothy
 03/12 Mehlhoff, Arnold
 03/13 Kolb, Emma
 03/13 Hollinsworth, Jack
 03/13 Kolb, Robert
 03/14 Auske, Ty
 03/14 Jacobs, Gail
 03/14 Morsching, Delores
 03/14 Rook, Russell
 03/14 Langbehn, Sophie
 03/14 Friedrichsen, Terry
 03/14 Krege, Cory
 03/15 Klabo, Sue
 03/15 Johnston, Gavin
 03/16 Dell, Justin
 03/16 Folden, Cody
 03/16 Jacobson, Michael
 03/16 Stadel, Kenneth
 03/17 Nilson, Hadlee
 03/17 VanMeter, Robert
 03/17 Doerr, Shanae

03/17 Kleinsasser, Wyatt
 03/18 Brown, Derek
 03/19 Johnston, Sterne
 03/19 Zeller, David
 03/19 Johnston, Susan
 03/19 Reich, Dale
 03/20 Hellwig, Brianna
 03/21 Forsyth, Owen
 03/21 Kjellsen, Terri
 03/21 Wacholz, Jeff
 03/21 Hanson, Lynn
 03/21 Mork, Valerie
 03/26 Doerr, Alexis
 03/28 Overbay, Judy
 03/28 Meyers, Stephanie
 03/29 Black, Renee
 03/29 Weiszhaar, Lyle
 03/29 VanMeter, Patricia
 03/30 Haselhorst, Dan
 03/30 Schaffer, Jean
 03/31 Jones, Amy



Staff

Pastor-Leland Armbricht

Lay Pastor-Micah Sieg

Visitation Pastor-Mike Jacobson

Secretary-Barb Daberkow

Youth/Family Coordinator-Amanda Black

Custodian-Todd Black

Music Coordinator-Dr. Christopher Stanichar

Preschool Director/Teacher-Barb Wacholz

Organists/Planists-Tammy Wahl, Monica Jacobson

Choir Directors-Bells/Cheryl Ulmer

Accompanist- Adult and Children's Choir/Monica Jacobson

Praise Band -Alicia Peterson

Who Do I Ask About

Good Shepherd Women-Peggy Serfoss

Good Shepherd Men-Clay Dykema

Ushers/Communion Assistants-Carl Anderson

Reception Coordinators:
Funeral-Mona Kapfenstein, Deb Nerland

Wedding/Anniversary-Renea Wensmann

Library -Dorothy Brown, Peggy Serfoss

Altar Guild - Sandy Cahoy

Food Pantry-Marty Axlund

Evangelism-

Youth-Amanda Black

Executive Council

President-Gary DeVries

President Elect-

Treasurer-Kathie Getty

Secretary-Jessica Ringgenberg

Boards

Evangelism

Life and Missions

Nominations

Properties

Stewardship

Worship

Youth

Worship Schedule

September-May: Sundays: 9:45am

Wednesday: 6:20pm (Sanctuary)

June-August: Sunday 9:00am

Wednesday 6:20pm (Chapel)

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