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The Staff

The Newsletter of Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 AM



A community of Christians, called Together by the Holy Spirit, where all people Can come to know God's grace and grow in Faith, give and receive The love of Jesus Christ And of one another, and Serve one another and The community in which We live."

The Season of Lent brings us to the disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving. Our Lenten Disciplines show us a oneness, the building up of our relationship with God and the building up of community.

We have each written what we will be focusing on for Lent on the cross and hung it on the tree in the sanctuary. On Easter Sunday we will find our cross and reflect on the impact that focus has made on discipleship and our relationship with God and our neighbor.

How do we make a difference in the world for God's Glory? This can be done in many ways.----- I saw this list some years ago and I thought it was a great alternative to the usual "**What are you giving up for Lent.**" I hope it is opportunity to reflect on your faith walk with God.

It comes from the Lutheran congregation, House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado, which is an urban liturgical community led by Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber who has a progressive yet deeply rooted theological imagination.

House for All Sinners and Saints' 40 ideas for keeping a holy Lent

Day 1: Pray for your enemies

Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.

Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio

Day 4: Give \$20 to a non-profit of your choosing
(Sunday)

Day 5: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon

Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before

Day 7: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill

Day 8: No complaining day

Day 9: Do someone else's chore

Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter (Sunday)

Day 11: Call an old friend

Day 12: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)

Day 13: Read Psalm 139 <http://bible.oremus.org>

Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments

Day 15: Bring your own mug

Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking www.praxus.org (Sunday)

Day 17: Forgive someone

Day 18: Visit a shut in or someone in the hospital

Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent

Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer in a devotional booklet of your choice at <http://dailyoffice.wordpress.com>

Day 21: Ask for help

Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for (Sunday)

Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor

Day 24: Read Psalm 121 <http://bible.oremus.org>

Day 25: Bake a cake

Day 26: No shopping day

Day 27: Light a virtual candle http://rejesus.co.uk/spirituality/post_prayer/

Day 28: Light an actual candle (Sunday)

Day 29: Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher

Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags

Day 31: Use Freecycle www.freecycle.org

Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school

Day 33: Read John 8:1-11 <http://bible.oremus.org>

Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synagogue or church and look for the beauty (Sunday)

Day 35: Confess a secret

Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?

Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit

Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint www.catholic.org/saints

Day 39: Pray for peace

Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good

The point is by intentionally doing something different in your life and not just giving up something for Lent we are realigning our relationship with God. Fasting helps us see what is truly necessary in our lives moving from what I **want** in my life to what I **need** in my life.

How can we make a difference for Christ in the little ways? Sometimes just by looking at our lives from a different perspective we can see how God is working in and through us. This is how discipleship can be lived out.

Lenten Blessings, Pr. Paula

Announcements

Lenten Meditations – Last three services will be held at St. Paul's: 16457 Old Frederick Rd, Mt Airy

Week 3

March 7, 2018

Soup Supper at 6:00 pm

Worship at 7:00 pm

Theme: *Opening Our Hands*

Week 5

March 21, 2018

Soup Supper at 6:00 pm

Worship at 7:00 pm

Theme: *Opening Our Lives*

Week 4

March 14, 2018

Soup Supper at 6:00 pm

Worship at 7:00 pm

Theme: *Opening Our Hearts*

Holy Week Schedule

March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday/HC Procession with Palms (Weather Permitting)

March 29, 2018 Maundy Thursday Service/HC 7:30 PM includes the Washing of Feet

March 30, 2018 Good Friday 7:30 PM Tenebrae Service

April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday/HC 9:30 AM

New Craft Group is a BIG hit!

The Craft Group will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, from 9 to 11 am. Dates in March are March 6 and March 20. If interested, contact Peggy Handler at peggyhandler@verizon.net

Bible Study – Christian is Not What You Think

The Bible Study group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Dates for March are March 13 and March 27. All are welcome to come and join.

Divorce Care – meets Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Schedule of Topics: (subject to change)

March 1 - Single Sexuality

March 8 - Financial Survival

March 15 - Reconciliation

March 22 - Forgiveness

March 29 (Maundy Thursday) – Moving On Growing Closer to God

If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about this program, please contact Pastor Paula at 262-339-6494.

Service Projects Results

Taking God's Word to Heart and Putting it into Action

American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" Shepherd of the Glen purchased over \$500 worth of daffodils! Thank you.

Souper Bowl of Caring 48 cans and 18 boxes of food and paper goods were delivered to the pantry at St. Michael's on St. Michael's Road in Mt. Airy.

Offering for Puerto Rico which was held February 11 and SOTG raised an incredible \$490!

Cookie Boxes for Seafarers: What do you get when you put together members of Shepherd of the Glen and cookie dough? Over 100 dozen baked cookies that will be distributed to the lucky crews whose ships make port at the Baltimore Harbor!

There are a few service projects that are being planned but not yet ready to begin. Information will be disseminated as soon as plans are finalized. If anyone has any ideas of service projects that you would like Shepherd of the Glen to be a part of, please let Linda Krause know. Thank you!

Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
February 13, 2018

In Jeff's absence, Patsy Pickrel presided over the meeting.

Minutes from January 9, 2018 were read and approved.

Financial Reports:

The Financial Secretary's report for the week ending 1/31/2018 was distributed.

January Envelope Income:	\$ 5,091.00
Pledged Envelope Offerings:	\$ 4,620.15
Actual Envelope Offerings:	\$ 5,091.00 (110.2%)
Loose:	\$ 20.00 (year to date)
Building Fund:	\$ 0.00 (year to date)
Fund Raisers:	\$ 0.00 (year to date)
Gifts and Memorials:	\$ 0.00 (year to date)
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00 (year to date)

Attendance was also up from what was reported for January of 2017.

The Treasurer's report, with ending date of January 30, 2018, was distributed.

Year to date income:	\$5,254.00
Year to date expenses:	\$7,082.70
Expenses exceeds income by:	-\$1,828.70

Financial Reports were approved as given.

Christian Education:

- A coffee fellowship was held on February 4th for Candlemas. Anne Gellner gave a wonderful presentation of how the French celebrate and understand Candlemas. Thank you Anne!
- Sunday school is held whenever there are students present
- Craft Group has been meeting. The group is planning on having a High Tea. The date of the Tea will be a Saturday sometime close to Mother's Day. There is also the plan of decorating garden hats to wear during the Tea.

Trustees:

- The Trustees are looking to replace the hot water heater in the Spring when the weather is better.
- A number of light bulbs have been replaced this month.

Deacons the minutes from the February 2018 meeting were handed out.

- April's hymns were selected
- Finalized Lenten Services. All Sundays in Lent will have Communion.
- Lilies order envelopes are in the narthex. The 2 palms have been purchased.
- Lenten Tree has been put together and is in the back of the church. Crosses are available for writing your Lenten Focus on and decorating and then placed on the tree.
- Last Sunday of each month will be a Healing Service. Thank you Altar Care Members.
- Reviewed March's Calendar and Volunteer List. Posted on narthex bulletin board.

- **Bible Studies will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and Craft Group will meet 1st and 3rd.**
- Cookies for Seafarer's have been baked and will be delivered February 19-20..
- February 4 – Soup Bowl of Caring – delivered 48 cans and 18 boxes of food to St. Michael's pantry. THANK YOU!
- Hats and scarves were delivered to Thunder Hill Elementary, Garret College and Rte 1. Fantastic job Craft Group.
- Route 1 Day Center – Day Resource Center – January 29th served a record number of clients!!
- Deacons looked into suggestions for other service projects to do in 2018.
- Fundraisers:
 - Daffodil Days – ordered over \$500 of daffodils!
 - Special Offering for Puerto Rico – raised \$490!
- ELCA End of the Year report has been complete and sent
- Membership list updated, have 72 members
- Outdoor worship, possible date of May 20th.

Pastor's Report for January and February was handed out.

Meetings: January 10 – Met with Pastor Susan Keller of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Airy to discuss joint Lenten Services.

January 10, 25, February 22 and March 8th – Racial Justice Team meetings.

January 13 – Martin Luther King celebration at People's Community Church.

Theme "Confession for the Third Millennium: Black Lutheran Experiences."

January 17 – Conference Meeting

January 22 – Video meeting with Synod Communication Team.

Pastor Paula continues to hold Divorce Care and Bible Studies.

When time allows, Pastor also has attended SOTG Craft Group and Dulcimers meetings.

Pastor Paula had numerous meetings and visitations with members of the congregation.

Pastor attends Deacons' meetings.


Pastor Paula picked up the cookie boxes for the Seafarers at St. John's in Brooklyn and then delivered the filled cookie boxes to them.

Pastor attended various events and services held by churches in our area.

Pastor plans on being in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays until Lent.

The Council meeting was closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm.


**THE THINGS YOU
 TAKE FOR GRANTED**
*...someone else
 is praying for*

