

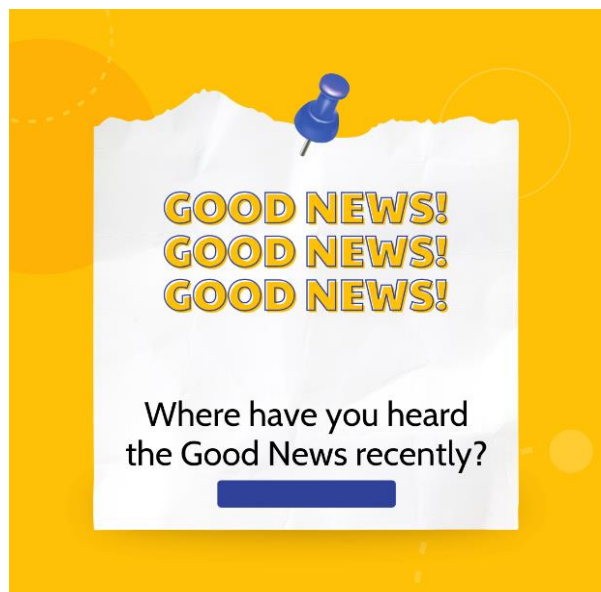


THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

The Shepherd's Scroll

P r e a c h i n g , T e a c h i n g , a n d R e a c h i n g i n J e s u s ' N a m e

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Good News!

This lectionary* year is the year of Mark. Most Sundays, including Easter Sunday, we read the Gospel from Mark and hear the good news of Jesus as told to that community. In fact, Mark's gospel starts with literal good news: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." (Mark 1:1) And later in that first chapter, we also hear Jesus, "proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.'" (Mark 1:14b-15)

Three mentions of "good news" in the first 15 verses!

It's always wonderful to hear good news – a friend's child is doing well in school, a colleague just broke up with a not-so-good-for-them boyfriend, your favorite band is going to be coming to the State Farm Arena, the Illini team is advancing in the tournament... Good news helps balance out all of the bad news that we hear in our daily lives. Good news gives us hope and encouragement.

The Good News – the Gospel – is also wonderful to hear. And, like the good news we might hear in our personal lives, it's something that counteracts the bad news of the world, encourages us in difficult times, and brings us hope for both today and tomorrow. Good News is also sharable, possibly life-changing, and (hopefully) makes others happy to hear it, too.

There are also differences between general good news and "The Good News."

The Good News is always about what God is doing in the world and in our lives. The Good News is for everyone and not just one team or one family. The Good News invites us into a deeper relationship with the One who brings it.

I recently spent some time pondering “The Good News” and our congregation. I even asked our council, “How have you heard The Good News lately? What did it sound like?” For some people, they’d heard the good news spoken in the thoughtful and hopeful way someone formed a prayer. For others, the resurrection of Jesus – and the resurrection promised to us – is the good news.

The chance to confess our sins and hear God’s word of grace and forgiveness weekly is certainly the good news.

We might hear the good news spoken in a sermon or in a small group discussion. We might hear it around a shared meal – and we certainly hear it when that bread is placed in our hands and we are told once again that this is “Christ’s body given for you.”

***Where have you heard The Good News lately? Not just good news, but The Good News?
What did it sound like?***

And is that Good News something that you could share, that would make someone else happy to hear it? Does it invite you into a deeper relationship with the God who speaks it into your life?

One of the ways Good Shepherd is continuing to live out our mission of “Preaching – in Jesus’ Name” and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is by making some of my writing, including sermons and newsletter articles, more widely available through a blog housed on our website. Starting with this article, I invite you to read, share, and connect via that blog.

Blessings in Christ today and forever,
Pastor Lynette Chapman

**Lectionary: We follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings from the Bible, including readings for Sunday worship. There are other lectionaries, too, including a Narrative Lectionary that goes through the Bible in a more chronological way over three years.*

Pastor Lynette to have Surgery.

I will be having eye surgery in mid-April for a problem that is no longer able to be addressed by corrective lenses alone. While this is outpatient surgery, it will impede my ability to read anything of length, to work on the computer for long stretches, and to drive for a time afterward. This means I will be off for about a week following and will not be able to drive for about 10 days. You may also see me wearing dark glasses or an eye patch. Don’t worry! None of this is permanent!

I plan to return to work on a reduced schedule after that until the healing is complete enough to get new glasses. I crave your prayers for a safe and effective surgery and speedy recovery.

WORSHIP NEWS

April 7 – New Members Welcomed

April 21 – Bishop Busboom will be with us

April 28 – Pastor Janet Lepp will be with us

JOIN THE COFFEE/DONUT BRIGADE

Interested in helping for an hour or so during our fellowship time on Sundays? We need a few more people to help make and serve coffee

or serve donuts on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Nancy Holm or Kim McFarland if you would like to volunteer.



INTERESTED IN TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Sign-up at this link:
[Sunday School Teachers](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

We will hold classes for all ages on Sunday, April 14, 21, and 28 and May 12. Our final Cross+Gen of the year will be on May 5th and our final Sunday of classes will be May 19.

If you can help out with Sunday School by being an extra adult, prepping curriculum or supplies, or leading a class, please talk to Susan Hinrichs, Tim O'Connell or Pastor Lynette.



Cross+Gen
April 7, 10:15AM
Fellowship Hall

It's a party! Join us for our monthly inter-generational gathering as we learn about Jubilee! What does freedom look like and sound like? Everyone is welcome!



ADULT FORUM TOPICS

April 14 - Deciphering the Rainbow: Understanding LGBTQIA+ and SOGIE Terminology. Led by Pastor Lynette, this session will help us unpack some of the terms used by LGBTQ+ people. Her hope is that we come away with a wider vocabulary and a better understanding of current language relating to sexuality and gender.

April 21 – A Conversation with Bishop Greg Busboom

April 28 – The Myths of War; Presented by Al Mytty of Good Shepherd



YOUTH AND FAMILY/DISCIPLESHIP TEMPORARY POSITION

We are looking for someone to help lead our Discipleship and Youth ministries 10-15 hrs./week in the short term. This person should love Jesus, like kids, and be available on Sunday mornings. Background checks will be required. If you're interested or know someone who might be a good fit, please contact Pr. Lynette.

SMALL GROUPS @ GSLC



DWELLING TOGETHER

Dwelling Together is a group that meets Sunday mornings after the service to be more entwined in each other's lives.

We read the Word, share challenges in our spiritual walk and gain support from one another.

If you are looking for connection and encouragement, join us from **10:15 - 11:15 am the 2nd through 5th Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome!



CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP Thursday, April 25, 6PM GSLC Choir Room

All are welcome! Feel free to invite anyone who may be battling, recovering from, or has family or friends living with a cancer diagnosis.



GSLC PIECE MAKERS "TIE-DAY"

**Tuesday
April 2
12-3PM**

The Peacemakers Quilting group has scheduled a "tie day" in the Fellowship Hall.

Tying consists of working a needle with yarn through quilt top, batting, and quilt back to hold the 3 layers together. The goal is to tie at least 10 quilts. Please join us for fellowship and to help with quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief.

For questions about this mission or the Piece Makers group in general, please contact Jodi Davis or Lois McConomy.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

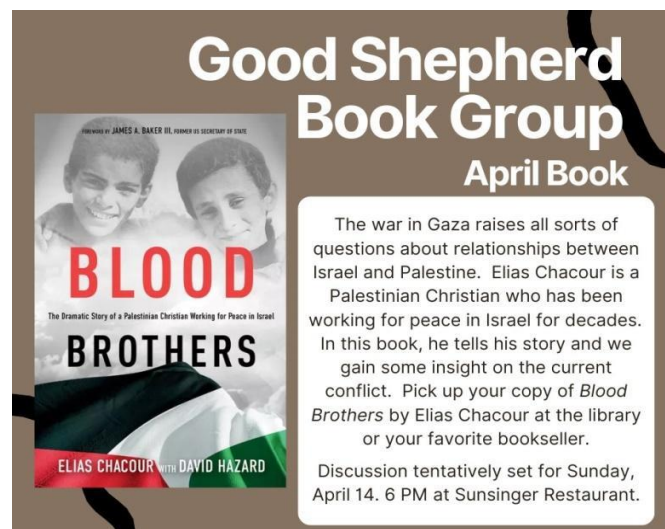


CROSSROADS COFFEEHOUSE

Sunday, April 7

6-8PM

GSLC Fellowship Hall



**GSLC Book Group Sunday, April 14, 6PM
@ SunSinger Restaurant, Champaign**

APRIL LUNCHEON MEET-UP



**Friday, April 19
11:45AM –
1PM
at Aspen Tap House**

Join other members of Good Shepherd to chat and get to know each other better while you have lunch. Gail Block will be the host of our group so look for her at the restaurant.

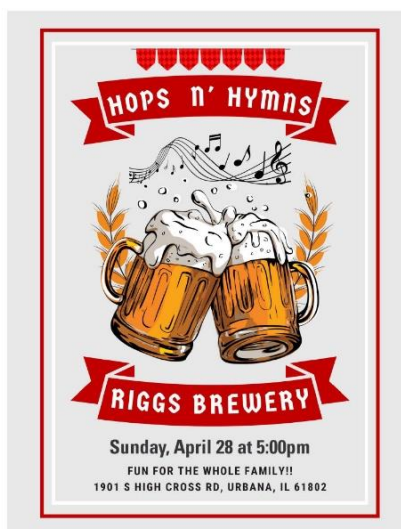
Aspen Tap is located at 2001 S. Neil St., Champaign.



PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH THANK YOU

A big thank you
to everyone who

brought food for the brunch on Palm
Sunday and to those who helped with the
set-up and clean-up! It was a great time to
chat with fellow members and enjoy a
scrumptious meal.



**HOPS AND
HYMNS
Sunday, April 28
5PM
Riggs Brewery**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



MARATHON!

The Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon will have a water and relay station at Good Shepherd Saturday, April 27!

Get involved by following this link:

[Register to volunteer with Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend via VolunteerLocal](#)

We'll be hosting a water stop and a relay change point, so there will be opportunities for helping plan in advance, make signs, set-up, hand out water and hydration, help with traffic in our parking lots, and (of course!) cheer on the runners!

Sign up today to make the Good Shepherd stop a memorable place for the runners and the whole community. More details available soon.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE GSLC ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

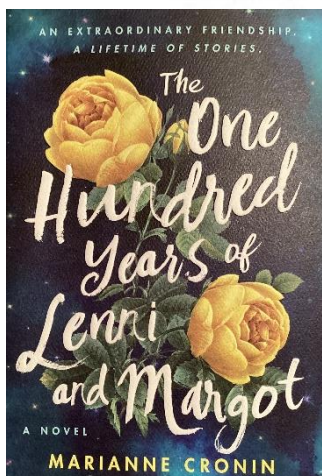
Donating blood is a safe, simple, and rewarding experience that usually only takes 45-60 minutes. Did you know you can give blood every 60 days or 2 months.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) will be again having a blood drive on **Sunday, May 19** (which is the Sunday after Mother's Day). We need to promise we will have 25 individuals on that day. In the future we will be publishing a sign-up sheet online, so you do not have to wait. Please keep this date on your calendar!!



GSLC DIAPER DRIVE

Bob Clark posing with all of the diapers we collected for empty tomb! Thank you again to everyone who donated!



WELCA BOOK CLUB

Thursday
April 11, 9:30AM
GSLC Choir Room

*The One Hundred Years
of Lenni and Margot*
By Marianne Cronin

This book is a work of fiction that unites Lenni Pettersson, a seventeen-year-old living on the Terminal Ward of a hospital with Margot, an eighty-three-year-old, purple-pajama-wearing, fruitcake-eating rebel. Their friendship blooms and they are determined to leave a mark on the world even though the end is near.

It is delightfully funny and bittersweet, heartbreaking yet ultimately uplifting as we are reminded of the preciousness of life, the influence we have on others and how friendship can transcend time.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions.

Book for May is *Remarkably Bright
Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

All groups meet in the
Choir Room

Ruth Bible Study:
Tuesday, April 16, 9:30AM

Rachel Bible Study:
Monday, April 22, 2:30PM

We use the WELCA magazine *Gather*.
Copies available near the WELCA
bulletin board.

SAVE THE DATE!



WOMEN'S SPRING BRUNCH & PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION

Saturday, May 11
10AM

GSLC Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather for our annual Spring brunch and after we eat, we will assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We're still collecting items for kits so **please continue to purchase dark bath towels, combs, nail clippers, toothbrushes, and individually wrapped 4 oz. bars of bath soap. Box in the Narthex for your donations.** The kits will be sent to LWR in October.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help refugees as well as socialize with our Good Shepherd sisters. I hope you will be able to join us for fellowship and food.

Any questions, please call

Gail Block.



YOUTH EVENTS



SCULPTURE PARK WALK AND SCAVENGER HUNT

**Sunday, April 14
11:30AM
Meadowbrook Park
Urbana**

Join us for a walk at Meadowbrook Park. We will have an interactive Scavenger Hunt, take some fun photos with the art, and finish with a secret surprise! All are welcome! We'll meet at Susan's home and walk over together, see Susan for the address if needed. Dress to be outside and wear comfortable shoes.

The structure that Logan is building can be moved, but only by taking it apart. The Property Committee and Council are recommending this approximate site for it (see picture) so that children playing are a.) within easy sight and b.) not close to any roads.

It is our hope that this structure provides hours of healthy play for children of all ages - both at Good Shepherd and from the wider community. We believe that this safe and fun play structure will highlight our congregational commitment to children and youth, even to those just passing by.

Signs will be posted explaining the rules and expectations.



GAGA-BALL IS COMING TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

Did you know?

Logan Young is working on an Eagle Scout project to build a Gaga-ball court here at Good Shepherd. If you don't know what gaga-ball is, ask someone younger than 20, because this game has taken off in the last decade or so. Playing inside a low octagonal wall, participants try to get each other out by bouncing a ball off of the ground or the walls and hitting the others below the knees. Any hit above the knees doesn't count.

It's a fun, egalitarian, self-contained and less-aggressive form of dodgeball.



NEW ORLEANS GATHERING

July 15 – 21

We currently have 9 youth and 4 adults signed up to go to New Orleans this summer, including the Adult Leaders Jenelle Keene and Greg Fisher. **IMPORTANT: April is the last month for your teen – graduating grades 8-12 – to join the group.** We'll be meeting on **Sunday, April 28th at 12 Noon** to finalize plans, start getting to know each other, and begin our formal prep for the trip. Pizza and drinks provided.

If you have any questions, or can't make that meeting, please talk to Pr. Chapman.

APRIL SERVING SCHEDULE

	04/07/2024	04/14/2024	04/21/2024	04/28/2024
Acolyte	Reid Bruggman	Jake Brucker	Pasha Jacobs	Declan O'Connell
Communion Assistants	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Mary Szyszka	Aaron Jacobs	Dan Corkery
	Joe Chamley	Nancy Olson	Jeremiah Todd	Tori Corkery
Reader	Nancy McCowen	Becky Fisher	Betsy Kakoma	Gail Block
	Gail Block	Jim Manley	Susan Hinrichs	Tim O'Connell
Chancel Care	Mary Szyszka	Mary Szyszka	Doris Snyder	Doris Snyder
Food Delivery	Dean Olson & Bob Clark	Gerald & Rosalyn Roosevelt	Doris Snyder & Carol Manley	Michael Jay & Bob Clark
Flower Delivery	Gail Block	Dean Olson	Agatha Barnes	Laurie Johnson
Nursery	Sadie Bruggman	Samantha Fisher	Marla Todd	Dylan Keene
Coffee/ Donuts	Patty Hart & Nancy Holm	Laurie Johnson & Don Block	Jim Manley & Don Block	Becky Fisher & Don Block
Usher	Amber Bruggman	Dean Olson	Agatha Barnes	Sally Widholm

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Sunday mornings, please contact Traci in the church office at staff@gslc-cu.org to be added to our volunteer list.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD LOOK LIKE?

You are invited to a meeting and listening session with Bishop Greg Busboom and fellow ELCA Lutherans as we discern together the priorities for C/SIS in the years ahead.

April 21, 1-3:30PM at St. Matthew Lutheran in Urbana.

All folks from Good Shepherd are welcome and encouraged to attend. You can also participate by filling out an online survey that will be available April 1.

Questions? Ask Pr. Lynette.

NEW GROUP USING OUR BUILDING

We are pleased to welcome the CU Drama Makers who are using our Fellowship Hall for auditions and rehearsals for their Spring play.



Just a reminder that lovely **prayer shawls** are on a rack in the Narthex which are just waiting to find a home. If you know of anyone who is in need of a warm fuzzy reminder of God's love, please take a shawl to give to them. Blessings and prayers are attached for you to use when giving the shawl to a friend, family member, or stranger!

Thanks to the folks who keep knitting and crocheting!



LOST AND FOUND

If you happen to be missing any items, please check our Lost and Found Box located on the bottom shelf of the table by the office door!





Welcome new members Mary Szyszka & Jeanette Vetter

UPDATE ON THE SEARCH FOR A NEW YOUTH AND FAMILY WORKER

Council will be meeting with Pr. Amy Zietlow, Assistant to the Bishop for Central/Southern Illinois Synod at their April meeting. Pr. Zietlow will bring information and tools for our discernment process. In May, Council will be having a special meeting to discern future needs and hopefully put together a draft job description. Please keep this process in prayer.



TWIN CITY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Mark your calendars for the Twin City Garden Club Plant Sale from **8 am - noon on Saturday, May 4**, in the front parking lot of the church. Perennials, bulbs, and more will be available for sale. All plants are grown by garden club members. In addition to plants for sale, there will be "garage sale" with tools, pots, lawn ornaments, etc. Plant sale proceeds will be used to fund community projects.



Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Parish Admin. Asst.	Traci Shepherd
Treasurer	Bob Clark
Organist	Linda Pein
Choir Director	Julia Hartman
Accompanist	Fenella Theodore
Custodian	Dennis Lage
Parish Nurses	Sandy Reifsteck
	Elizabeth Kakoma
	Celeste Coverdill

Office Hours
Monday– Friday
8:00AM – 2:00PM

Deadline for Scroll is the 15th of every month.

Bulletin / Announcement / Shout Out Deadline is Wednesday at noon each week.

If you would like to receive a printed copy of the Scroll, please contact Traci at staff@gslc-cu.org. Paper copies are also available at the church.