

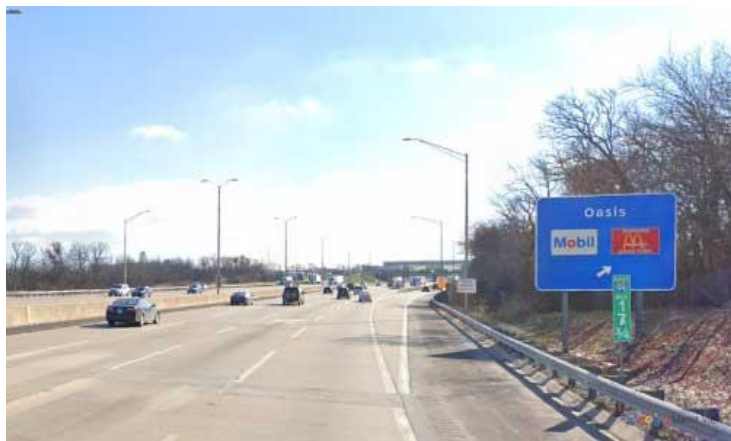


THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

# The Shepherd's Scroll

Preaching, Teaching, and Reaching in Jesus' Name

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



What comes to your mind when you think of an oasis? A lush, green grove of palms and grasses surrounding a picturesque watering hole in the middle of an arid landscape of desert and sun and scrub?

Or do you think of a highway oasis? Circle K or Bucky's or the odd collection of fast-food restaurants perched above or along an Illinois toll road?

Either way, we come to understand oases as stopping points along our journeys where we can be hydrated, stretch our aching muscles, and just take a break from the road.

Oases are sources of life for the people of the desert. Trucker's oases are sources of life for long-haul drivers. Bucky's is .... well, Bucky's.

This Lent, our journey takes through some arid landscapes of faith. It starts in the wilderness of temptation and ends in the wilderness of the cross. But, in between, there are oases of God's promises and grace. We will hear about God's covenants with God's people. We will listen to God's promises of rebirth from above, and the resurrection of the seed. We will be reminded of our callings and identity. Every Sunday, as we gather for worship, we'll hear stories of our faith that will be like ice-cold sodas plucked from the highway oasis fridge, refreshing us and energizing us for what yet lies ahead. At the oasis Jesus provides, we'll be renewed, healed, and strengthened for the work we do of loving our neighbors as God first loved us.

You may have noticed that the font in the sanctuary has been surrounded by green plants this Lent. This is a visual reminder that the font is a place of life in the barrenness of the Lenten landscape. When we remember our Baptism, we are refreshed. When we come to the font, we

remember that we are beloved. When we live out our baptismal identity, we find our purpose and calling. The font becomes both our oasis during worship and our reminder of the oases God provides daily in our lives.

This Lent, I invite you to the oasis. I invite you to have your thirst quenched by Living Water, to have your sins washed away in the waters of grace, to dip your fingers in a tangible reminder that you are God's beloved child, and to be refreshed and renewed for your Lenten journey.

In Christ,  
Pr. Lynette Chapman



# WORSHIP NEWS

## MARCH

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Diaper Collection**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – Science and Faith Sunday**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – New Members Welcomed**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm/Passion Sunday; Brunch following worship in the Fellowship Hall**

**March 31 – Easter Sunday**

**7 AM Sunrise Service**

**9 AM Festive Easter Worship**



**Palm/Passion Sunday (March 24)** – starts outside at 9 AM, weather permitting; procession with palms and reading of the passion narrative.

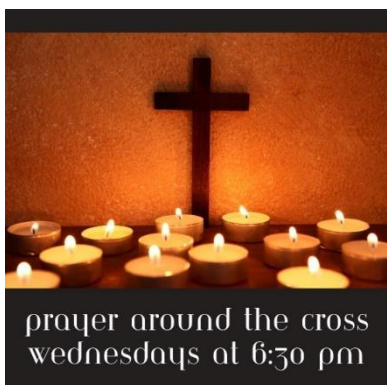
Brunch follows worship at 10:15 AM

**Maundy Thursday (March 28)** –

Communion at the Altar – 7 PM

**Good Friday (March 29)** – Prayer around the Cross – 7 PM

**Easter Sunday/Resurrection of our Lord (March 31)** – Sunrise Service at 7 AM with Holy Communion; 9 AM Festive Easter Worship with Holy Communion



**JOIN US FOR LENTEN SUPPERS AND MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Midweek Lent – Holden Evening Prayer around the Cross - 6:30PM**  
*Wednesdays*  
*March 6, 13, 20*

Join us Wednesdays during Lent for a simple soup supper at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:30. You can sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup or a side, or to help with clean-up.

Bell rehearsal will precede worship; Choir rehearsal will follow worship. Table Talk discussion questions will be provided during dinner if folks want to explore faith together.



**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?

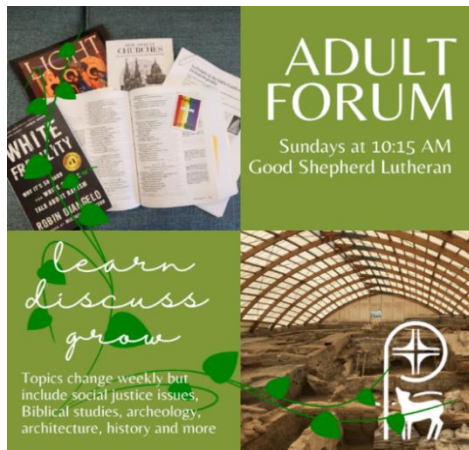
Sign-up at this link:  
[Sunday School  
Teachers](#)



**Cross+Gen**  
**March 3, 10:15AM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

See topic on page 2.

Each gathering offers engaging learning experiences for all ages with a variety of topics. All Cross+Gen Gatherings have time for conversation, creativity, and action. Everyone is welcome!



**March 10 – Topic TBD led by Janet Lepp**

**March 17 – *What's the News from Saint Andrew's?*** Pastor Jon Fry joins us from St. Andrew's for an update on developments from our sister church on campus.

**March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday-No Adult Forum**

**March 31 – Easter Sunday-No Adult Forum**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the Fellowship Hall, except for Easter Sunday.** All are welcome!



**CANCER PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Thursday, March 21, 6PM**  
**(Please note the date change)**  
**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

**Tuesdays Noon-3PM**

Calling all hands! No sewing, ironing or cutting skills required. The only skill you need is the ability to sit, tie knots and enjoy fellowship!

The Piece Makers quilting group of Good Shepherd has been busy creating quilt tops for worldwide distribution through Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

These quilt tops bring Jesus' love to people in need as well as physical comfort and warmth. There are now several quilt tops that are "fit to be tied." **The group will set aside a date in the near future for tying these quilt tops so please keep checking the weekly Shout Out.**

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

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

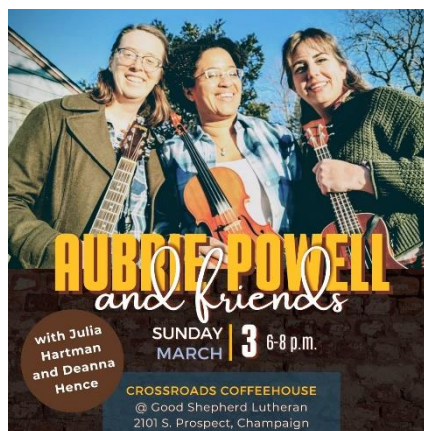


### MARCH MEET-UP

**At the Parkland Band Concert**

**Sunday, March 3, 3PM**

GSLC members are invited to meet at Parkland College to attend this free concert featuring the Parkland Orchestra, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. The concert will be in the U-wing cafeteria at Parkland. Our very own Michelle Rome is in the Parkland Concert Band, and she encourages anyone interested to talk with her about joining the band. Come join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon of music.



### CROSSROADS COFFEEHOUSE

**Sunday, March 3**

**6-8PM**

**GSLC Fellowship Hall**

**Featuring Aubrie Powell & Friends**





### **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH** **Sunday, March 24**

Join us for brunch on Palm Sunday, March 24, from 10:15 - 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be breakfast casseroles, pancakes, fruit, and pastries.

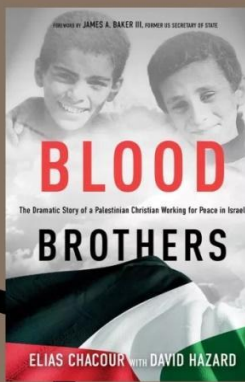
If you would like to bring a food item, or help with serving food or clean-up, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or you can contact Nancy Holm to let her me know. We appreciate your help very much. Hope to see you at the brunch!

Please contact Nancy Holm or Kim McFarland if you have questions.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

## Good Shepherd Book Group

### April Book



The war in Gaza raises all sorts of questions about relationships between Israel and Palestine. Elias Chacour is a Palestinian Christian who has been working for peace in Israel for decades. In this book, he tells his story and we gain some insight on the current conflict. Pick up your copy of *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour at the library or your favorite bookseller.

Discussion tentatively set for Sunday, April 14. 6 PM at SunSinger Restaurant.

**GSLC Book Group for April is tentatively set for 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 on Friday, April 19. 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. in Champaign.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## GSLC DIAPER DRIVE

**Sunday, March 3**

**10AM-Noon & 4-6PM**

Good Shepherd's outreach committee is sponsoring a diaper drive. This planned event is to collect diapers for distribution by empty tomb to families who need assistance in providing a basic need for their children. Surveys show some young families may spend up to \$100 a month for diapers.

Families with children find this cost overwhelming and can place low-income households in the position of choosing between diapers and other necessities like food and medicine.

Remember last summer we partnered with The Champaign Sunrise Rotary who rented a storage unit and conducted a weeklong diaper drive in our parking lot. Over 21,000 diapers were collected and donated to United Way of Champaign County for distribution throughout the community. Rotary volunteers were joined by Good Shepherd members in the collection effort. An event of this size is not planned in 2024.

For our campaign this year, there will be a familiar Red Chevy pickup parked in the front parking lot and our goal is to STUFF OLD RED with many boxes of size 5,6, or newborn diapers. Other sizes will gladly be



accepted but those are the most common sizes requested.

One box donated by your family may not solve all the world's problems, but it will mean a lot to a young family, and it will mean the world to a baby in need.

Please join in and bring a box of diapers to church March 3rd and help fill Old RED. If you would rather donate monetarily, make check payable to GSLC with outreach on the memo line and a committee member will gladly shop for you. Thank you for considering this worthy cause. Your generous spirit is appreciated.



### 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 (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!!



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you for all the love and support you have showered upon us as we are processing Alan's passing. The cards, the food, the hugs, the music, all smoothed some of the edges for us and made this winter a little more bearable.

We feel fortunate to be part of such a caring community.

Love,  
Susan, Corwin, Charles, and Alice

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, and most of all for the beautiful trophy for my birthday. It was a great day.

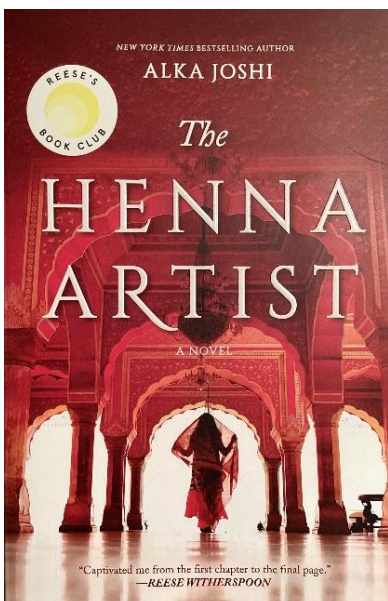
Again thanks, Betty Frerichs

On February 23, I closed on my house. That wouldn't have happened without the help you gave me sorting, packing, and hauling away my stuff.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped me along the way. I know I can never return the favor, but please stop by my new home at Autumn Fields and I'll share a cup of coffee or tea with you.

God bless you all, Marilyn





## WELCA BOOK CLUB

**Thursday**  
**March 14, 9:30AM**  
**GSLC Choir Room**

***The Henna Artist***  
**By Alka Joshi**

This novel is set in India in the 1950's about one woman's struggle for fulfillment in a society pivoting

between the traditional and the modern. Lakshmi is a 17-year-old, who escapes from an abusive marriage and finds her way to the pink city of Jaipur. She becomes the most highly requested henna artist to the wealthy women of the upper class.

As she pursues her dream of independent life, her husband tracks her down with her sister she did not know she had. Her real identity is threatened but she perseveres to apply her talents. The author balances love of family with personal ambition.

Contact Jan Nuss if you have any questions.

Book for April is *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margo* by Marianne Cronin.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

**All groups meet in the Choir Room**

**Anna Bible Study Group is being**

**disbanded. Members are encouraged to attend Ruth or Rachel Bible Study Groups.**

**Ruth Bible Study:**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 9:30AM**

**Rachel Bible Study:**  
**Monday, March 25, 2:30PM**

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



Personal Care Kits  
Items Needed



## PERSONAL CARE KIT COLLECTION

It's That Time of Year!! Time to collect personal care items for Lutheran World Relief!

We need dark bath towels, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes, and combs which we will roll together when we have our Spring Brunch on May 11. Please start purchasing supplies when you go to Walmart or the dollar stores. These will be collected and sent to LWR in October.

More information will follow in April. Any questions, please call Gail Block.

**FROM THE DEACON'S DESK:**

As I reflect on the last 16 years serving at Good Shepherd, I can't help but think of all the games we have created or played together. We've had Newlywed Game Shows, Trivia Nights, and Vacation Bible School programs. Students and I have made and played games based on the life of Abraham and the book of Acts with each reminding us that we are called by God and sent out. Not only has this church been a safe space for us to pray and play together, but it has also modeled for me a people who listen to God's call and are sent out.

Sometimes that call is to respond to those affected most by natural disasters like flooding and earthquakes, in which case we have served together in places like Biloxi, New Orleans, Houston, and El Salvador. Sometimes the call is to respond to feeding kids in our schools, or visiting those in prison, or delivering furniture to those in need, or sorting clothes for those who can't afford even a t-shirt. If you look at a list of the things Jesus did, most churches pick one activity and really focus on it, we seem to want to have a hand in doing all the things Jesus did!

I think this is a blessing because it provides more opportunities for people to use the unique gifts God has given them to serve others. Good Shepherd has always been, and continues to be,

a place where God's people respond to the needs of a hurting world because of our love for Jesus Christ.

This love for Jesus has overflowed in all of us and has been poured out by the Holy Spirit through Nativity Walks, Fall Festivals, Outdoor Movie nights, Coffee Houses, and Game Nights. We have welcomed countless groups to use the building God has blessed us with and that has allowed so many people in our community to feel welcomed. My prayer for Good Shepherd, as it has been with Youth Ministry, is that we always create space for people of all ages to be seen and heard so that through our loving attention they experience God's love to be real and transformative. God continues to do amazing things through this church as long as it gathers around the table to be fed and forgiven by Christ, to hear God's word, and to sing the praises of our Creator.

May you continue to be called and sent out, may you be brave in responding to the needs of a hurting world, and may the love and attention you share in the name of Jesus transform hearts and lives in the most creative and playful ways.

Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Jason

A poem by the Magister Ludi from the book *The Glass Bead Game*:

"Serenely let us move to distant places,  
and let no sentiments of home detain us,  
the cosmic Spirit seeks not to restrain us,  
but lifts us stage by stage to wider spaces."



## YOUTH EVENTS



### FAMILY ROLLER SKATING EVENT

**Sunday, March 24, 3-5PM**

**Skateland, Savoy**

**All families welcome! Cost is \$5 per person. Contact Tim O'Connell with questions or to RSVP**



### CROSSWAYS CONFIRMATION CAMP

**June 10-14**

**Augustana College, Rock Island, IL**

Students 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to this weeklong Confirmation Camp where each student will get to experience; "Wacky Olympics", a local water park, skits, visit the home of a faith tradition different than ours, and engage in mission work in the Rock Island/Moline area.

Crossways Confirmation Camp has been making disciples since 1989! Campers will have the opportunity to grow in their faith and discipleship through engaging lessons, sermons, and Bible stories led by ELCA

leaders from all over Central Southern Illinois Synod.

Online registration can be found at <https://www.crosswayscamp.org/> or see Pastor Lynette to get your 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student signed up to attend. Cost for this event is \$150 per person and Good Shepherd has scholarship money to cover the rest of the registration amount so that every student can attend.

**Deadline to register is Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Lynette will be accompanying our students to this event.**



### NEW ORLEANS GATHERING

**July 15 – 21**

We received our Hotel Assignment for the National Youth Gathering this summer and we will be staying at the Wyndham French Quarter! This hotel only blocks away from the river walk, Bourbon Street, Canal Street, and the famous French Quarter. We are literally in the heart of New Orleans!

If you have any questions about the trip, you can contact Pastor Lynette, or go online to learn more:

<https://www.elca.church/gathering.>



## MARCH SERVING SCHEDULE

	03/03/2024	03/10/2024	03/17/2024	03/24/2024 - Palm Sunday	03/31/2024 - 7AM Easter	03/31/2024 - 9AM Easter
Acolyte	Levi Todd	Pasha Jacobs	Silas Fisher	Declan O'Connell	N/A	Andrew Todd
Communion Assistants	Tori Cokery	Aaron Jacobs	Samantha Fisher	Tim O'Connell	Carol Steinman	Marla Todd
	Dan Corkery	Carol Steinman	Lois McConomy	Jenelle Keene	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jeremiah Todd
	Cinda Brucker	Jim Manley	Nancy Holm	Dylan Keene	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Dean Olson
Reader	Sue Plisch	Betsy Kakoma	Greg Fisher	Joe Chamley	Bob Coverdill	Nancy Olson
Chancel Care	Amy Chamley	Carol Steinman	Carol Steinman	Amy Chamley	Carol Steinman	Carol Steinman
Food Delivery	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan & Laurie Johnson	Ruth Meyer	Deb Swanson	Jenelle Keene	N/A	Shelly Cekander
Flower Delivery	Laurie Johnson	Carol Steinman	Lois McConomy	Jenelle Keene	N/A	Deb Swanson
Nursery	Jeremiah Todd	Carol Manley	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Maria Dewing	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Lisa Young
Coffee/Donuts	Patty Hart & Kim McFarland	Laurie Johnson & Becky Fisher	Samantha Fisher & Nancy Holm	Jim Manley & Nancy Holm	Patty Hart & Kim McFarland	Patty Hart & Nancy Olson
Usher	Marla Todd	Rebecca Nef-Heffernan	Becky Fisher	Nicole Paul	Patty Hart	Ash Waller

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on Sunday mornings, please contact Traci in the church office at [staff@gscl-cu.org](mailto:staff@gscl-cu.org) to be added to our volunteer list.

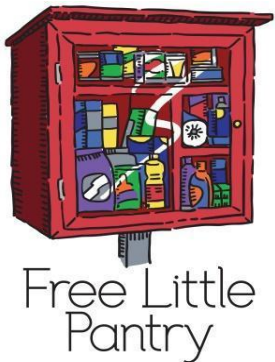


Just a reminder that lovely **prayer shawls** are on a rack in the Narthex which are just waiting to find a home. If you know of anyone who is in need of a warm fuzzy reminder of God's love, please take a shawl to give to them. Blessings and prayers are attached for you to use when giving the shawl to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



### GSLC LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Please remember the GSLC little food pantry this winter. It has been used daily this past month and any non-perishable items that can handle freezing temperatures are appreciated. Items can be added to the little food pantry anytime daily or dropped off into the basket inside the back doors across from the church office before 2pm (M-F).

The little pantry is located outside on church property between the front of the Fellowship Hall's brick wall and the sidewalk facing Prospect Ave. Thank you for helping!







## Honoring Jason





Pastor	Lynette Chapman
Pastor Emeritus	Edward D. Schneider
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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:staff@gslc-cu.org). Paper copies are also available at the church.***