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### SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Evening Worship  
 Sundays 9:00 am Worship, 10:30 Bible Study and Sunday School  
 Tuesdays 7:30 am Tuesday Guys  
 9:00 am Tuesday Quilters  
 Wednesdays 9:00 am Coffee Klatch Parish Hall  
 Thursdays 9:00 am Crafters  
 7:00 pm Choir  
 March 7 Spring Forward Time Change  
 March 21 ARC Walk  
 March 27 Lifeline Screening  
 April 5 Palm Sunday  
 April 12 Easter Sunday  
 Sept. 27 Reunion for school/church/etc.



Board of Finance: 2/16/2020			
	Budget Needs	Envelopes	Variance
Weekly	\$4,315.38	\$4,476.35	+\$161.37
YTD	\$142,407.54	\$121,059.44	-\$ 21,348.10

Make plans to stay for Bible study on Sundays with Pastor Vince beginning at 10:30 a.m. right after coffee hour in the Parish Hall.



### 3/1 OPEN

- 3/8 Marvin & Shirley Schaus dedication of the Gola New Testament in Liberia, West Africa
- 3/15 The Haack family for Juliana's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 3/22 OPEN
- 3/29 OPEN

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or to thank God for blessings, please **print** your name and occasion on the chart in the narthex.

Please also remember to have the flowers delivered **before 12:00 noon on the Saturday before** so that Miguel can be there to unlock the sanctuary. Also, if you don't want to take the flowers home, please let Patty know in the office and she will find a place for them.

Our Website

[www.downeygoodshepherd.org](http://www.downeygoodshepherd.org)



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from Rev. Vince Barringer

Beloved in the Lord, we are now in the middle of Lent. As we are all aware, Lent is the season of repentance. The time when we recall our sins, repent of them and strive to do better, secure in the knowledge that our salvation is assured because of what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross of Calvary. We all “get” this part of Lent. However, there is another part of Lent as well, the reconciliation part. Not only reconciliation between God and man, but between man and man. Now the Church does a good job of announcing and effecting reconciliation between God and man. After all, we have the Word and Sacrament to do that for us. However, because we are human, we struggle to affect reconciliation between ourselves, our neighbors and even fellow members of the Body of Christ.

Fortunately for us though God has shown us through His Word how we are to reconcile with one another. The famous Matthew 18 verses 15 and 16 which state *“<sup>15</sup> If your brother or sister<sup>[b]</sup> sins,<sup>[c]</sup> go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church;”*

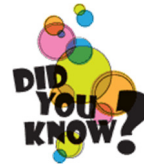
Now, this verse is rightly seen as a conflict resolution verse. But it is more than that. It is the blueprint on how people can reconcile their differences with one another. If a Christian has a problem with another brother or sister they are to speak with them first. Maybe there has been a misunderstanding? Maybe someone misspoke? But if that is not the case then you are to bring two or three brothers or sisters to mediate a reconciliation. This is done for a twofold reason, maybe you will find out from your brothers and sisters that you were wrong, and then you will be reconciled. Or they will act as witnesses towards the other. Hoping to stop them from becoming intransigent in their sin.

Finally, after the first two steps are taken, then you are to go to the Church as a whole. Again, you do this because you might find out you were wrong and then become reconciled, or if you are not, perhaps the pressure being brought to bear by the Church on your sinning brother or sister will be enough to bring them to reconciliation and repentance.

Our Lord provided us with the method by which we are to reconcile ourselves with others. Now sometimes people will not be reconciled. They will not repent, but most of the time if these guidelines are followed they will be.

During this time of Lent let us resolve when we have disputes to follow the Biblical method of conflict resolution. In fact let us strive to do so all year around. Because it is far better to be reconciled to a brother than estranged from one. Amen

Blessings,  
Pastor Vince



or did you realize that Pastor’s sermons are recorded and online on our Facebook page? A nice way to receive the Sunday message if you’re unable to attend in person.



If you know of a child ages 10 to 14 and is interested in taking Pastor Vince’s confirmation class, please have the parent call Pastor at 541-999-4237 or the church office 562-803-4459. Classes are Sunday’s at 11:30 am. Three confirmands will be ready for their first communion in the spring

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

**For the March 2020 issue**  
**is Monday, March 23, at 5:00 pm.**

If you are submitting an article, be sure to check with the church office so we don’t duplicate information. Thanks for your help.





Who is ready for a reunion?  
 We are!!! So, the date has  
 been set for **September 27**.  
 We have been blessed with 65  
 years of serving the Lord in  
 this community &  
 it's time to celebrate.

But some help is needed. Please pass the word along to former classmates, church members or workers and friends but especially send names and addresses to the church office so we can get in touch. If you would like to serve in the planning or on that day in some capacity, please also let us know. Now go through your pictures and jog those memories. Lots of fun planned with a special service and luncheon. Any questions or offers to help? Contact the church office or Mary Pabst or Noreen Haack or Bella Thies.



and



**PROCEEDS from the 2020 Rummage Sale totaled \$4,642.50.** The breakdown is as follows: \$531 from jewelry, \$566.25 from baked goods and the remaining \$3,545.25 from your unwanted treasures. Thank you again to everyone for all your help & donations.

**A volunteer is needed to be in charge of the Rummage Sale next year in 2021.**

So far, there are 13 people who have volunteered to help out throughout the year. But we are in need of that one special go-to person who will be in charge. You do not have to be a female. Any gender or age will be accepted. If this will be your 1<sup>st</sup> rummage sale experience, there will be plenty of guidance. Please let Patty in the office know if you are interested or have any questions. Next year's sale is slated for Feb. 5 & 6, 2021.



**SPRING FORWARD...**

Don't forget to set your clocks **ahead** one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, March 7**.



Please update your phone directory with the following new addresses:

**Kathy Earls** 18741 1/2 Clarkdale Ave, Artesia, CA 90701

**Kristi Gonzalez** P.O. Box 4772 Lakewood, CA 90711-4772

**Bill & Shirley Greenbecker** 3431 E. La Jara St., Long Beach, CA 90805

**LOOKING FOR THE LUTHERAN HOUR?**  
**You will find it on radio station 740AM**  
**on Sundays at 8:00 am**  
**or anytime on the internet at**  
[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org).



This sacred monogram originally appeared as "IHC," the first three letters of "IHCOYC," the Greek word for Jesus. Over time the Greek "C" was replaced by the Latin "S" to become "IHS." There are many interpretations given to the letters "IHS," including the Latin "Iesus Hominum Salvator" (Jesus, Savior of Men) and the English "I (Christ) Have Suffered."

# ††† March Servants †††

## Greeters

- 3/1 Joyce Corwin & Shirley Schaus  
3/8 Mark & Patty Heaton  
3/15 Ralph & Ginie Mains  
3/22 Shirley Waldecker & Donna Engles  
3/29 Noreen Berkhof & Mary Pabst

*If you would like to be a greeter please contact Linda Mitchell. All it takes is a smile and maybe a welcoming handshake.*

## Head Ushers

- 3/1 Bob Weinrich  
3/4 7:00 pm Engles  
3/8 Shields  
3/11 7:00 pm Engles  
3/15 Bob Weinrich  
3/18 7:00 pm Haack  
3/22 Shields  
3/25 7:00 pm Haack  
3/29 Engles

*Ushers are always needed. If you would be interested in helping, please call the church office or speak to an usher before or after services.*

## Lay Readers

- 3/1 Mitch Haack  
3/8 Carol Morris Lowe  
3/15 Linda Mitchell  
3/22 Mary Pabst  
3/29 Fred Thies

*Please call the church office if you would be interested in helping as a lay reader.*

**God's Word is daily bread – not cake  
for special occasions.**

- Duty Elder: Sundays – Scott Engles  
7:00 pm March 4 – Mitch Haack  
7:00 pm March 11 – Mitch Haack  
7:00 pm March 18 – Scott Engles  
7:00 pm March 25 - Scott Engles

- Altar Care: Bernie & Nancy Gallie  
Coffee Server: Arlene Conley



ATTENDANCE

*Thanks for taking the time to fill out an 'attendance/ Communion card' (found in the slot next to the pew hymnals) when you come for worship. Please pass them to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them after the offering. These cards help with important statistics needed for church and synodical records and reports.*

## MARCH Birthdays

- 3/1 Mathew Bauer  
3/5 Samantha Heaton  
3/7 Gracie Weinrich  
3/10 Gail Weinrich  
3/11 Dale Miltimore  
3/11 Dianna DeShazer  
3/13 William Waldecker  
3/14 Tiny Todd  
3/17 Caroline Martin  
3/18 Henry Clute  
3/20 Julianna Thornburg  
3/26 Merry Jennings  
3/28 Dorothy Thies

## MARCH Anniversaries

- 3/29/14 Evan & Jennifer Warren

*We apologize for the error if we've omitted your anniversary or birthday. In that event, please contact the church office so we can update our records.*



## REMEMBER IN PRAYERS....

The family of **Harriette Moomey**. Harriette was called to her heavenly home Feb. 13 at the age of 98. She and her husband Vaughn were charter members, being confirmed by Pastor Duerr in 1954. Vaughn passed away in 2008. There will be a memorial service for Harriette here at Good Shepherd on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. You may send cards to Harriette's daughter Pam Borrel 5311 Pembury, La Palma, CA 90623 and her son Doug Moomey 13922 Sylvanwood, Norwalk, CA 90650

*Special Prayers  
For Those in Need*



*Please remember  
these friends in your  
prayers.*

Ruth Bartholomay	Judy Bowser
Darlene Bulian	Edythe Heuer
Robert Mendoza	Al & Martie Ludtke
Jo Miller	David Rennegarbe
Patricia Rennegarbe	Marilyn Shroyer
Bob Weinrich	Merry Jennings

Pray for those away at college:  
Elizabeth Barna

Military: Kirsten (Corwin) Bonack, Air Force  
Dallas Hodges, Marines  
Anah Kotila, Navy  
Blake Bostick Air Force  
David Ottens, Marines  
Mike Sheehan, Marines  
Dom Giocobbe, Marines  
Hector Ruiz, Army



**Arc WALK, Saturday, March 21, 8:00 am**

As we have for many years in the past, members of Good Shepherd and Messiah will participate together in walking the perimeter of Stonewood Mall to help raise funds for “**The Arc.**”

The Arc is an association of LA and Orange Counties which has been serving people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities for 60+ years. They are located at Woodruff & Washburn in Downey. Cora Conley worked at the Arc for 28 years, and Wendy Krause has been there over 16 years. You can read more about them at [www.thearcaoc.org](http://www.thearcaoc.org).

Whether you collect pledges, walk, and/or donate funds, your help is most appreciated.

See Chris Olson, Linda Mitchell, Mary Pabst, Donna Engles or Shirley Waldecker to sign up to walk or to make a contribution. Make checks out to “The Arc.”



**Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League**  
*Contributed by Mary Pabst and  
Dorothy Thies*

Please note that there has been a change in programs for our Ladies Luncheons. Instead of packing Hygiene Kits in April, we will have a guest speaker from Lutheran Social Services. Nancy Gallie and Darryl Quamme will be our hostesses and Mary Pabst will give the devotion. Please bring an entree or salad to share. Our hostesses will provide the dessert and beverages.

All ladies of Good Shepherd are voting members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, so this is your invitation to attend. Guests are always welcome, so bring a friend to join in the Christian fellowship at 11:30 am on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

We will assemble Hygiene Kits in June, so watch next month's newsletter for items to donate.



We thank those willing volunteers who take the time to correspond with friends and members. If you would like to be a part of this caring group, please call the church office or see an Elder. Also, if you would like to be the coordinator, also check with the office.



***Need A Ride?***

If you would like to attend any of the upcoming services or events but are unable to drive, please call the church office 562-803-4459. There are members that would be happy to give you a ride.



## GOT SCRIP?

Spring has almost sprung but still time to get Scrip for those Easter cards or baskets. There are plenty of choices between gas stations, movies, restaurants, big box stores, coffee, fast food and more and more. Just check with Darryl Quamme after Saturday service or Gail Weinrich on Sundays. They are more than willing to check to see if the businesses you want can be added. Special thanks to them for taking on this job.



More pictures are needed of church events to post on the website and on the patio bulletin boards. Talk to Robert Martin about how to send them along to him for the website or to Bella Thies for the bulletin boards. (Note: Any pictures of children must have parents' written approval before posting).

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AND, don't forget Facebook. You can check in each Sunday morning under your profile. Tap "What's on your mind?" and the option for 'Check In' will come up.

The church should automatically be listed so you can just click it and there you go. Facebook also includes 'live streaming' of Pastor's sermons so you can stay connected even if you can't be there. Make sure you 'like' us as well: [facebook.com/GSLCDowney](https://www.facebook.com/GSLCDowney). Never hurts to have our name ready for anyone looking for a spiritual home.



If, at one time, you chose to have a memorial established for a loved one, you might want to consider checking on the amount and clearing up the account by donating the funds toward a worthwhile project. Sometimes it just slips our minds so this is a friendly reminder.



Only 8 months away. But plenty of time to get crafty for the next boutique. Don't have any ideas? Then come down any Thursday at 9:00 am and join the group to work on items or maybe just to say hello.

Our Boutiques are so very popular with members, friends and the community. Each year we have new items to share that are handmade. Plus profits from the sales provide much needed funds for our church or special programs.

It's a great way to get acquainted. So, "come on down" and visit with the group. Hot coffee brewing and probably some yummy snacks as well.



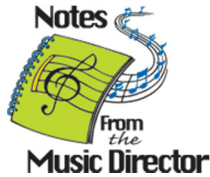
A very special thank you to all for your cards, notes, texts but especially your prayers. I am improving daily after my recent surgery and hospitalization. Thanks be to God for His healing hands and my thanks to you for such caring and loving words.

Want to be part of the email prayer chain?



Just drop a note to Donna Engles at [d.engles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.engles@sbcglobal.net) and she will add you to the list. It's not hard at all. She will send prayer requests to you so you can include these friends in your daily prayers. No problem either if you want to forward the news along to other friends or relatives. Our Father tells us to ask Him in prayer & we are reminded that ALL prayers are answered.





March has descended upon us, and with it, the season of Lent. For many of us, it seems that we just finished putting away the Christmas decorations, and now we are preparing for Easter. In the music world, we are often forced to prepare for holidays and seasons well in advance so that we may be completely ready when the time has come for us to perform, and it makes it more difficult for some to be a part of the season we're inhabiting. During Lent, I try to take a step back for a moment in order to appreciate the importance of the season rather than breeze through it, and head straight into planning for Easter. In our time of busyness, we must remember to take the time to reflect on ourselves so that we might find the places where we wish to make improvements so that we might better serve others.



Sunday School for our children meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Some classes are held in the music room (the room off the kitchen & the patio) while others meet in the 2 rooms of the church office. We thank our teachers:

- ❖ Mark Heaton & Donna Engles who have the 4-7 age group (church office)
- ❖ Arlene Conley & Patty Heaton who have ages 8-12.
- ❖ Belen Rediet who has 13+



It's important that we keep our prayer list current. If you have previously requested to add someone to the list, please update us if that person can be removed. You can either call the church office at 562-803-4459, make a note on your attendance card or send an email to:

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We were contacted by C&M Publications, the company that prints and mails our newsletters free of charge....yes free of charge...no cost to us. We were told that if we don't get 4 more advertisers, then we will have to pay \$50 a month to cover costs. The cost for a single space ad is \$312.00 a year and for a double space ad it is \$588.00 per year.

Anything can be advertised. It doesn't have to be a company advertisement (as you already know) and the ad can be worded so folks will read it and understand. It can be thankful for God's blessings or family or whatever. Another option would be for a member or friend or family to commit to paying the \$50 a month over their regular offering.

Please prayerfully consider the information. You can let the church office know if you can help by finding advertisers or by donating the monthly cost.



Doing anything special on Wednesdays? Then it's time to come on down at 9 am for some great fellowship. Coffee is always ready, hot water for tea or cocoa is on tap and the conversation can be pretty interesting. This is a good way to get acquainted and let others get to know you as well. Plus, you can always bring a friend to join in.

### ◆◆ CRUISE OPPORTUNITY ◆◆

Have you ever dreamed of walking in the footsteps of St. Paul? Would you like to see places that many only dream of? Now is your opportunity to take the trip of a lifetime, with a knowledgeable pastor (Pastor Vince and others) to provide interesting biblical and historical facts along the way. Hear about what life was like 2000 years ago as you walk in the same places that the Apostle Paul did. The date is May 2020. For more information, see Pastor Vince or Lisa.





BOARD OF TRUSTEES

from Gary Quamme

The first week of February was spent moving the yard sale items from rooms 1 & 6 to the Parish Hall and patio. After assisting with the Rummage Sale itself we placed the unsold items under the overhang on the patio. On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> we assisted in sending these boxes off to Affordable Treasurers. A special thank you to **Isaiah Olof** for his tremendous help.

We assembled a new chair for the church office, carried the items from the undies & socks collection from the narthex to the church office, replaced a filter in the boys' bathroom of the school, and cleaned one of the traps under a sink in a classroom.

Miguel Cabrera, Mitch Haack, Tom Olson, and Gary & Ron Quamme are doing the work of the trustees.



Each Wednesday, March 4 to April 1, lunch is served at 12:00 pm with worship at 1:00 and dinner at 6:00 pm followed by 7:00 pm worship service.



### GOLA NEW TESTAMENT

On Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a dedication of the Gola New Testament in Liberia, West Africa. Good Shepherd was a big part of making this a reality as they supported Marvin & Shirley Schaus in the Lutheran Bible Translators ministry in Liberia for 20 years. Rev. Nathan Schaus, (Marvin & Shirley's son), his wife Elizabeth, their children Anna, Timothy & Rachel will be there representing his parents for the dedication.



As of February 23, we have donations totaling **\$19,255.00** for our new sound system. Our goal is **\$30,540.73**. If you would like to make a donation above your usual offering amount, please put it in an envelope and mark it Sound System Fund along with your offering envelope number. Thank you!

## KEEP SAVING...



### INK CARTRIDGES

Staples takes them and gives us credit for office purchases. Just use the box in the Narthex for your discards. Thanks to Marilyn Olof.



### PULL TABS

The tabs from cans (soda, fruit, vegetables, etc.) are saved and donated to Ronald McDonald House in Orange County. We send a box about every 3 months. Check the narthex for a box. Thanks to the Heaton's.



### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

These are printed on various products including cereal, etc. They are collected and given to Trinity Christian School in Norwalk. Thanks to Mary Pabst.



### FRONTS OF GREETING CARDS

These are sent to a school in Nevada where they are recycled and made into new cards and placemats. If you have cards and don't have time to tear the fronts off, don't worry. We will take care of that for you. Thanks to Shirley Schaus.



### POSTAGE STAMPS

Shirley Schaus is collecting used stamps to benefit Lutheran Bible Translators.

*You can also drop off any or all of the above items in the church office and they will be distributed accordingly.*

**HOLY WEEK**  
  
**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

April 9 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday**  
 Worship with Holy Communion

April 10 7:00 pm **Good Friday**  
 Tenebrae Service

**EASTER**

April 12 7:00 am **Sunrise Service**  
 8:00 am **Easter Breakfast**  
 9:00 am **Egg Hunts**  
 10:00 am **Festival Worship**  
 with Holy Communion



**LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Friday March 27 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Life Line Screening will be here at Good Shepherd. Life Line Screenings go beyond regular check-ups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. The cost is \$139 for 5 screenings: Carotid/Artery/Plaque Screening, Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening & Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. You may call 1-866-229-0469 to schedule an appointment.



“May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door.” --Irish blessing

**FORTY**  
**Days**  
**OF LENT**

A Lenten History Lesson:

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning “March”) and *lencten* (meaning “spring”).

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and “the Lenten fast” to the pre-Easter period.

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus’ time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren’t counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they’re considered “mini-Easters.”



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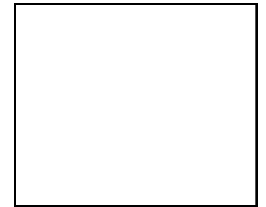
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