



**NEWS FOR THE FLOCK**  
**Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**February 17 & 21, 2010**

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**Our Lenten/Easter Journey 2010 – Living Life in Light of Eternity**

**Sundays:**

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

**Wednesdays:**

It All Goes Back in the Box

Join us for our 8am or 10:30am Sunday Worship services as we explore answers to the question – *What Shall I Do with Jesus?* AND for our 6:30pm Wednesday Midweek worship services as we reflect on the truth of life that when the game is over – *It All Goes Back in the Box* (Based on John Ortberg's book with the same name).

The Lenten/Easter Challenge - *Living Life in Light of Eternity*, begins with our Ash Wednesday, February 17, 6:30pm Worship which includes the ancient custom called the Imposition of Ashes, in which the sign of the cross (using the ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday branches and crosses) is placed on the foreheads of the people to remind them of their mortality.

Our WOW (Whatever on Wednesday) evenings begin with a 5:45pm Dinner with a free will donation, followed by our 6:30pm Worship and Breakout Sessions for our children, youth and adults.

We pray that through this Lenten/Easter Challenge - *Living Life in Light of Eternity*, we will grow stronger in love with our Lord...deeper in love with one another...and more committed to demonstrate to our community that we have a heart like Jesus.

**Wednesday, February 24 –**  
**Keeping Score Where It Really Counts**

Sunday (8:00am & 10:30am), February 28 – *What Shall I Do with Jesus?* **PRAY with HIM!**

**Wednesday, March 3 –**  
**Resign As Master of the Board**

Sunday (8:00am & 10:30am), March 7 – *What Shall I Do with Jesus?* **BETRAY HIM?**

**Wednesday, March 10 –**  
**Calling or Comfort? Choose Your Moves Wisely**

Sunday (8:00am & 10:30am), March 14 – *What Shall I Do with Jesus?* **DENY HIM?**

**Wednesday, March 17 –**  
**Playing the Game with Greatness and Grace**

Sunday (8:00am & 10:30am), March 21 – *What Shall I Do with Jesus?* **CRUCIFY HIM?**

**Wednesday, March 24 –**  
**The King Has One More Move**



**Palm Sunday**  
**(8:00am & 10:30am), March 28 –**  
***What Shall I Do with Jesus?***  
***FORGIVE Like HIM!***

**Maunder Thursday, April 1,**  
**6:00pm – *What Shall I Do with Jesus?* DINE with HIM!**  
**Seder (Passover) Meal**

**Good Friday, April 2, 6:30pm –**  
***What Shall I Do with Jesus?* DIE with HIM!**

**Holy Saturday, April 3**  
**12 Hour PRAYER VIGIL 9am-9pm**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT 10am-12noon**

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 4 – *What Shall I Do with Jesus?***  
**LIVE with HIM!**  
**8:00am. Early Worship**  
**9:15am. Breakfast**  
**10:30am. Late Worship**

**SUNDAY CLASSES**

**BIBLE HISTORY**

**Sunday mornings with Dale Noel:**  
 February 21 – Abrahams painful decision  
 February 28 – Tests you can't study for  
 March 7 – We all need friends  
 March 14 – God is TALKING  
 March 21- The rest of the story  
 March 28 – A Great Servant

**FIT FOR LIFE**

2010 Winter – 8 Week Class with Pastor Galen  
 Beginning Sunday, January 10, at 9:15am thru February 28.

All are encouraged to accept the Lenten/Easter Challenge and take part in our 6:30pm Wednesday Midweek worship services which will revolve around discussion groups gathered around tables, viewing a video and discussing various topics about *Living Life in Light of Eternity* because when the game is over, *It All Goes Back in the Box*.

### **CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER**

God's word has much to say about caring for "the least of these" but what about the caregiver? Join us as we explore what God says about caring for ourselves as we care for others. Refresh--refuel--fellowship at HOTS.

**Fourth Sunday of each month @ 9:30 am.**

Contact Kathy Petty @ [kpcare1@earthlink.net](mailto:kpcare1@earthlink.net) or 517-548-5189.

### **LIVING A LIFE OF TRUE**

**WORSHIP – Sundays @9:15am**

This helpful study examines what the Bible says about true worship. You'll discover that we are created for the purpose of worship. And you'll explore solid, biblical principles for making worship a lifestyle of grateful response to your Creator and Redeemer. This is a great study for anyone who is new to Bible study or wants to dig deeper into the word of God.



### **SANDIN TLC GROUP**

Next meeting will be Monday, February 22 at 6:30pm here at the church.

**NOEL TLC GROUP** will meet on

Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30pm.

### **HERNDON TLC GROUP**

Next meeting will be Monday, March 1 at 7:00pm.

### **HOFFMAN TLC GROUP**

Will meet on Saturday, February 20 & Saturday, March 6 at 5:30pm.

**HOLST TLC GROUP** will meet on

Thursday, February 18 and Thursday, March 4 at church at 6:30pm

**WOMENS'S TLC GROUP** will meet

on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30pm.

**GRULKE TLC GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30pm.

## **MEETINGS**

**YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM** will meet on Sunday, March 7 at noon.



### **PIE AUCTION**

Thank you so much to the families that brought pies and bought pies! We raised \$463.00 for new kitchen equipment.

### **MOM2MOM SALE at Heart of the Shepherd**

**Saturday, March 20**

**9:00am- 1:00pm**

**\$1.00 Admission – Open to the public**

**See the attached flyer for more details**

### **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!**



Baby bottles are being passed out. Take one home and put your loose change in it and return it to church. The money collected in the bottles will go to the Pregnancy Helpline in Brighton.

Please bring your bottle back to church by **March 28**. **Lutherans for Life** is sponsoring this bottle drive and **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** will be matching the collection.

The Pregnancy Helpline is a pro-life clinic that aids women in a crisis pregnancy by giving them clothes, diapers, formula and whatever is necessary to raise a baby.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is having an emergency collection of quilts, health kits and soap on by April 16. See the attached flyer for more information**

### **CAN YOU HELP US FIND THE LOST?**

Three Sunday School items are on the lost list: **A Little Lambs-Series**

2 children's curriculum book (yellowish gold in color), a reproducible **Big Religious Coloring Book** for preschool, and a **plastic container labeled Sunday School** with candy and various items for little birthday gifts. If you know the whereabouts of any of these, would you please contact the Church Office ([info@hotshepherd.org](mailto:info@hotshepherd.org) or 517-552-7218) or Patti Grulke 517-545-1828. Thank you

### **DivorceCare**

Have you or your children experienced the pain of separation or divorce? DivorceCare may be your answer to finding help, discovering hope and experience healing with people who understand what you are going through. This 13 week program starts Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church of Fowlerville. Also being held at the same time is DivorceCare for Kids - a program for youth ages 5 to 12 that helps them heal and find hope when their parents are separated or divorced.

It's time to deal with the pain of the past and start rebuilding your life – for more information or to sign up contact Family Impact Center at 517-223-4428.

### **U.S. CONSTITUTION CLASS**

You know how to defend your faith but do you know how to defend your freedom? Join other residents of Livingston County as we learn more about the U.S. Constitution and what role we have as citizens to support this important document. During the six week course, a series of thought-provoking videos will be shown followed by group discussion. The classes will meet on Wednesdays from 7-9:00pm beginning January 27. Recommended for ages 13 and older. For more information please contact Amanda Jones: [amandak@icsmi.com](mailto:amandak@icsmi.com) or 248-417-3869



**"LIFE QUOTE" from Lutherans for Life**

*"It's OK to be old. That doesn't mean that you're washed up and useless.*

*If you're a Christian, what it really means is that you're very, very*

close to seeing Jesus in person in heaven. In words especially dear to all the 'ageing,' Jesus said in John chapter 14, 'Don't let your hearts be troubled...In my Father's house are many rooms. I am going there to prepare a place for you.' You might call it homecoming." Pastor Mark Jeske, speaker on "Time on Grace".

### HOWELL BLOOD DRIVES

**Wednesday, Feb. 24; 12-5:45pm**  
Livingston Co. American Red Cross  
1372 W. Grand River Avenue  
**The "Already Gone" books are here.** If you asked us to order one for you, please send your \$5.00 to the office as soon as possible.

**DALE KASENOW needs a ride to church.** It does not matter if it is on Sundays or Wednesdays. He lives on Pine View Trail off Chilson Road. His phone number is 517-545-2796.

### NOISY OFFERINGS

The noisy offerings during the month of February will be given to Lutheran World Relief for the Haiti effort.

### MARY'S EXERCISE CLASS

Join Mary Swinney, Exercise Instructor and Team Beachbody Coach, in her calorie burning, body sculpting exercise class. Classes will be held each Tuesday at 7:30pm and on Saturday mornings at 9:15am. Donations welcome towards HOTS youth ministry. For questions, contact Mary Swinney @ [trainwithmary@live.com](mailto:trainwithmary@live.com)

### JAZZERCISE

**February Offer:** 30 Day Access Pass. Sign up for Jazzercise for 30 days – only \$50.00. NO JOINING FEE, NO HIDDEN FEES! It's Fun and you get REAL RESULTS!!! Call Bobbi today at 517-552-5445 for more details. Classes are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:45pm and Saturdays at 8:00am.

## WOW-Whatever on Wednesdays

This is a weekly outreach event that seeks to provide Christ-centered

fellowship & education to the entire family.

### Schedule:

5:00-5:45pm – Youth Free Time

5:45-6:30pm – Dinner

6:30 – Worship & Discussion

### Breakouts:

**World Changers** (3 yrs-1st grade)

**World Changers** (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Youth Ministry** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**SKEINS OF HOPE** is a Wednesday Breakout. It is for people of all ages who like to work with yarn, either knitting or crocheting. Generally we will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Bring a friend! If you have questions you can contact Shirley Nelson 552-7896

**LEARN ABOUT PRAYER:** Prayer 101 Class will be offered on the fourth Wednesday of the month **starting Wednesday, February 24, 2010** at 6:30 p.m. Join Mark Fosdick and learn about prayer. What does the Bible say about prayer? Why you should pray? Different kinds of prayer warriors? Positions of prayer? Hindrances to prayer? Pleading before God? Praying to save loved ones and other specific types of prayers.



## Youth Ministry

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT for kids in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades that have not been confirmed.

The next Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for **Friday, March 5 (6-8pm) and Saturday, March 6 (10am-3:00pm)** here at Heart of the Shepherd. Information will be emailed to you and is also available in the church office or by the youth bulletin board.



## Birthdays

February 21 – Leah Heim  
February 22 – Shawn Knight  
February 23 – Alex Spooner  
February 24 – Alana Rutkowski  
February 25 – Taylor Gibson  
Jerry Skicki  
February 26 – Marilyn Duncan  
Jessica Markus  
February 27 – Catherine DelRose  
Sharon McOwen



## Happy Anniversary

February 26  
Rick & Vickie Hart (16<sup>th</sup>)



## FEBRUARY

20 – Jazzercise 8:00am  
Swinney Fitness 9:15am  
Leadership Charge 10:00am  
Hoffman TLC 5:30pm  
21 – WORSHIP 8:00am  
Christian Growth 9:15am  
WORSHIP 10:30am  
22 – Jazzercise 5:45pm  
Sandin TLC 6:30pm  
Praise Team 7:00pm  
23 – Jazzercise 5:45pm  
Noel TLC 6:30pm  
Women's TLC 6:30pm  
Swinney Fitness 7:30pm  
24 - Barn opens 5:00pm  
Dinner 5:45pm  
WORSHIP 6:30pm  
Breakouts 6:30pm  
Constitution Class 7:00pm  
25 – Thursday Bible study 10:00am  
Jazzercise 5:45pm  
26 – Jr. High to SpringHill  
27 – Jazzercise 8:00am  
Swinney Fitness 9:15am  
28 - WORSHIP 8:00am  
Christian Growth 9:15am  
WORSHIP 10:30am

## MARCH

- 1 – Jazzercise 5:45pm  
Herndon TLC 7:00pm  
Praise Team 7:00pm
- 2 - Jazzercise 5:45pm  
Grulke TLC 6:30pm  
Swinney Fitness 7:30pm
- 3 - Barn opens 5:00pm  
Dinner 5:45pm  
WORSHIP 6:30pm  
Breakouts 6:30pm  
Constitution Class 7:00pm
- 4 – Thursday Bible Study 10:00am  
Jazzercise 5:45pm  
Holst TLC 6:30pm
- 5 – Confirmation Retreat 6-8:00pm
- 6 – Jazzercise 8:00am  
Swinney Fitness 9:15am  
Confirmation Retreat 10:00am  
Hoffman TLC 5:30pm

## SERVING TOGETHER

**Wed., Feb. 17 –6:30pm**

**Altar Care** – Shirley Nelson  
**Ushers-** Larry Sefton, John Mersch  
**Nursery** –  
Catherine Dyer, Misty VanKeuren  
**Reader** – Jaimie VanKeuren  
**Pastor Assistant**– Larry Sefton

**Sunday, Feb. 21 – 8:00am**

**Altar Care** – Nancy Prochaska  
**Ushers-**  
Tom Prochaska, Shawn Knight  
**Nursery** –  
**Reader** – Rick Hart  
**Hosts** – Tom & Nancy Prochaska  
**Pastor Assistant**– Rick Hart

**Refreshments 9:00am**

Lori Holland, Karen Dyer

**Sunday, Feb. 21–10:30am**

**Altar Care-**  
Pat Schuknecht, Mary Noel  
**Ushers-**  
Mike Szafranski, Karl Kling,  
Larry Lakatos, Blair Rutkowski  
**Nursery**  
Susan Dickinson, Debbie Kling,  
Sam Rutkowski,  
Chelsea Lakatos  
**Reader** – Ron Gosselin  
**Hosts** – Bob & Karen Dyer  
**Pastor Assistant** –  
Tom Schamehorn  
**Counters**– Pat & Larry Sefton

## SERVING TOGETHER

### NEXT WEEK

**Wed., Feb. 24 –6:30pm**

**Altar Care** – Judy Douglas  
**Ushers-** Bob Dyer, Dale Noel  
**Nursery** –  
Catherine Dyer, Katie Roberts  
**Reader** – Dale Noel  
**Pastor Assistant**– Dale Noel

**Sunday, Feb. 28 – 8:00am**

**Altar Care** – Lindy Smith  
**Ushers-**  
Jim Smith, Jason Lewis  
**Nursery** –  
**Reader** – Jim Smith  
**Hosts** – Don & Eunice Cargo  
**Pastor Assistant**– Craig Seppa

**Refreshments 9:00am**

Penny Gibson, Teri Dale

**Sunday, Feb. 28–10:30am**

**Altar Care-**  
Barbara and Sarah Renton  
**Ushers-**  
Steve Woldt, Matt Bye,  
Mike Nuechterlein,  
Mike Schuknecht  
**Nursery**  
Courtnei Holst, Teresa Miller,  
Taylor Gibson, Michele Smith  
**Reader** – Nancy Heida  
**Hosts** – Bob & Karen Dyer  
**Pastor Assistant** – Kevin Holst  
**Counters**– Pat & Steve Schuknecht

### **Declaring How Much He Is Worth To Us:**

**Attendance Feb. 10 & 14**

Wednesday 6:30pm 36

Sunday 8:00am 37

Sunday 10:30am 164

Financial gifts needed each week  
for our mission & ministry=\$6600.00  
Gifts last week \$ 5,323.00

**January-December 2009**

Balance(-Shortfall) \$(-11,496.11)

**January 2010**

Income \$70,570.72

Expenses -\$66,070.96

Balance(-Shortfall) \$ 4,499.76

**CHURCH OWNERSHIP**

111 families pledged approx.

\$333,000.00

\$97,506.00 has been given to date

Included in income total above

## WEEKLY REMINDERS

### **ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

*Heart of the Shepherd* wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. See Pat Schuknecht in the church office for more information.

### **DID YOU MISS LAST SUNDAY?**

On the table in the hallway you will find a couple copies of last week's service.

**HOTS IS FOCUSING** on providing the Impact Center with the following: Mac & Cheese, Rice or Pasta sides and Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna or Chicken) with a monthly goal of 500 items. Keep in mind you can donate any food, personal care, paper or cleaning products you'd like - every box, can or bottle we donate is greatly appreciated by those in need.

### **PLEASE BRING your old papers to our green & yellow Retriever Bin.**

**Items to bring:** newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, junk mail, office and school papers, white envelopes (with and without windows)

**Items NOT accepted:** cardboard, cereal/soda cartons, food wrap/containers, tissue products, phone books, plastic, glass.

**THERE IS A COUPON BOX** in the cabinet near the Child Care wing in the hallway. Please bring your extra sheets of coupons (like the ones found in the Sunday papers) to church and put them in the container.

### **VG'S RECIEPTS**

Please bring your VG's receipts and place them in the green container. You only need the bottom section with the "community shares" amount.