



NEWS FOR THE FLOCK
Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church
February 24 & 28, 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, 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!

Maundy 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 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.

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 or 517-548-5189.

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*.

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.



Small Group Meetings

SANDIN TLC GROUP

Next meeting will be Monday, March 8 at 6:30pm here at the church.

NOEL TLC GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30pm.

HERNDON TLC GROUP

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

HOFFMAN TLC GROUP

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

HOLST TLC GROUP will meet on Thursday, March 4 at church at 6:30pm

WOMENS'S TLC GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 9 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.

CHRISTIAN CARE TEAM will meet on Sunday, March 14 at 9:30am.

MVT will meet on Monday, March 15 at 6:30pm.

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM will meet on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30pm.

PROPERTIES TEAM will meet on Thursday, March 18 at 6:00pm.



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 or 517-552-7218) or Patti Grulke 517-545-1828. Thank you

PLANNING TO RETIRE EARLY?

Conceivably you could be spending 20-plus years in retirement. At the rate you are saving now, and with the hope of retiring early, do you anticipate having enough retirement savings to carry you through? The number of years in retirement is a key variable in estimating how much retirement savings you will need to accumulate to financially support a comfortable retirement. Church Extension Fund, CEF, offers both traditional, Roth and Educational IRA's. CEF also accepts transfers or roll-overs from other plans. More information and current interest rates are available by calling 800-242-3944 and at www.mi-cef.org.

U.S. CONSTITUTION CLASS

The classes will meet on Wednesdays from 7-9:00pm. Recommended for ages 13 and older. For more information please contact Amanda Jones: amandak@icsmi.com or 248-417-3869



"LIFE QUOTE" from Lutherans for Life

"When you experience spiritual depressions, the answer is clear: Put your

hope in God. Be faithful in getting to worship. Open your Bible daily and you will find many answers for your questions. Pray a lot. Attend the Lord's Supper and feel His divine presence. Gather with your Christian friends and you will see what a gift Jesus Christ has given you in His Church." Rev. Steven Kramer, speaker on the "Christian Crusaders" radio program

HOWELL BLOOD DRIVES

Monday, March 1; 1:00-6:45pm

Howell Elks Club

2830 E. Grand River Avenue

Wednesday, March 31; 12-5:45pm

Livingston Co. Red Cross

1372 W. Grand River Avenue

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.

SERVING TOGETHER

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

SERVING TOGETHER

NEXT WEEK

Wed., March 3 –6:30pm

Altar Care – Eileen Smith

Ushers- Roy Smith, Jason Lewis

Nursery – Lisa Cain, Kristen Lewis

Reader – Mike Dyer

Pastor Assistant– Roy Smith

Sunday, March 7 – 8:00am

Altar Care –

Karen Perras, Carolyn Biegalski

Ushers-

Dan Perras, Don Cargo

Nursery –

Reader – Yvonne Brown

Hosts – Yvonne Brown

Pastor Assistant– Jeff Hoffman

Refreshments 9:00am

Tina Holt, Brenda Herndon

Sunday, March 7–10:30am

Altar Care-

Bonnie Blum, Patti Grulke

Ushers-

Del Butler, Matt Dickinson

Miles Allen, Kirk Tokan

Nursery

Jessica Ruest, Maria Cline

Sabreena Konsdorf, Selina

Reader – Marilyn Meyer

Hosts – Miles & Amanda Allen

Pastor Assistant – Mark Fosdick

Counters– Pat & Larry Sefton

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.

Declaring How Much He Is Worth To Us:

Attendance Feb. 17 & 21

Wednesday 6:30pm 97

Sunday 8:00am 31

Sunday 10:30am 160

Financial gifts needed each week
for our mission & ministry=\$6600.00

Gifts last week \$ 5,710.00

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

\$98,786.00 has been given to date

Included in income total above