



NEWS FOR THE FLOCK

Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church
March 3 & 7, 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 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:

March 7 – We all need friends

March 14 – God is TALKING

March 21- The rest of the story

March 28 – A Great Servant

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.

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.

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*.



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 15 at 7:00pm.

HOFFMAN TLC GROUP

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

HOLST TLC GROUP will meet on Thursday, March 18 at church at 6:30pm

WOMEN'S TLC GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30pm.

GRULKE TLC GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 16 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.



GIVINGPLUS CHALLENGE GRANT INFORMATION:

For those of you that have participated in the past in the GivingPlus Program through Thrivent, we have an opportunity to apply for a Challenge Grant as part of the phase out the program. We need to raise \$3,400.00 in personal contributions. This amount is twice the amount of what Thrivent will grant us, \$1,720.00. The process for raising this money is even easier than it was for the GivingPlus Program. There is no paperwork that needs to be filled out! Your check just needs to reflect GivingPlus Phase Out in the memo field and be made out to Heart of the Shepherd Child Development Center. Because these monies are to be raised through personal contributions, this donation will still be listed on your Quarterly or Year-End Statements. These contributions will need to be received no later than June 15, 2010 for us to meet the deadline for the grant application. If you have any questions, please contact Courtni Holst @ 517-552-7218 or courtni@hotshepherd.org. She will also be following up with individuals that participated in the GivingPlus program in 2009.

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.

JOY GROUP – THINK SPRING PICNIC – Friday, March 26, 6:30pm

There will be games, picnic food, fun and fellowship! Bring your favorite picnic food and lawn chairs. Summer clothes are suggested. Hot dogs and drinks will be furnished. Please sign-up by the JOY Bulletin Board. Questions? Call Karen Dyer 521-4067

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



"LIFE QUOTE" from Lutherans for Life

"Either all human life—from unborn children to demented mothers and fathers—is created ... and therefore infinitely precious, or humans are nothing but the result of mere chance, indistinguishable morally from a sand flea. The choice society makes will determine whether the

most vulnerable among us will be respected and protected ... or whether we will 'put them down' when they become a burden."

Chuck Colson, author and founder of Prison Fellowship

HOWELL BLOOD DRIVES

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.

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

JAZZERCISE

Absolutely **NO JOINING FEE** for March!! Come and try your first class for free. Classes are available Mon., Tues., Thursday evenings at 5:45 PM and Saturdays at 8 AM. Fun and real results. Contact Bobbi at 517-552-5445 for more information.

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 (2nd – 5th grade)

Youth Ministry (6th-12th 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 **next class, Wednesday, March 31, 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.

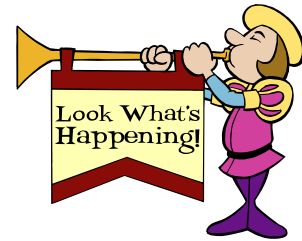


Birthdays

March 7 – Mark Fosdick
March 8 – Miles VanDellen
Marlene Vierling
March 9 – Brent McDonald
March 11 – Judy Cieslak



March 7
Bob & Linda Meinert (29th)



MARCH

- 5 – Confirmation Retreat 6-8:00pm
- 6 – Jazzercise 8:00am
Swinney Fitness 9:15am
Confirmation Retreat 10:00am
Hoffman TLC 5:30pm
- 7 – WORSHIP 8:00am
Christian Growth 9:15am
WORSHIP 10:30am
Youth Ministry Team noon
- 8 – Jazzercise 5:45pm
Sandin TLC 6:30pm
Praise Team 7:00pm
- 9 – Jazzercise 5:45pm
Women's TLC 6:30pm
Noel TLC 6:30pm
Swinney Fitness 9:15am
- 10 - Barn opens 5:00pm
Dinner 5:45pm
WORSHIP 6:30pm
Breakouts 6:30pm
Constitution Class 7:00pm
- 11 – Thursday Bible Study 10:00am
Jazzercise 5:45pm
- 13 – Jazzercise 8:00am
Swinney Fitness 9:15am
- 14 - WORSHIP 8:00am
Christian Growth 9:15am
Christian Care Team 9:30am
WORSHIP 10:30am
Bowling League 2:15pm
- 15 – Jazzercise 5:45pm
MVT 6:30pm
Herndon TLC 7:00pm
Praise Team 7:00pm
- 16 – Jazzercise 5:45pm
Gulke TLC 6:30pm
Swinney Fitness 7:30pm
- 17 - Barn opens 5:00pm
Dinner 5:45pm
WORSHIP 6:30pm
Breakouts 6:30pm
Discipleship Team 7:30pm
- 18 – Thursday Bible Study 10:00am
Jazzercise 5:45pm
Properties Team 6:00pm
Holst TLC 6:30pm
- 19 – Set up for Mom2Mom Sale
- 20 – Mom2Mom Sale 9:00am
Hoffman TLC 5:30pm

SERVING TOGETHER

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

SERVING TOGETHER

NEXT WEEK

Wed., March 10 –6:30pm

Altar Care – Sharon McOwen

Ushers-

Todd Dickinson, Bob McOwen

Nursery –

Joy Andres, Katie Koudelka

Reader – Donnie Burke

Pastor Assistant– Todd Dickinson

Sunday, March 14 – 8:00am

Altar Care – Jan Katona

Ushers-

Dick Holland, Paul Andres

Nursery –

Reader – Jan Katona

Hosts – Judy Wice

Pastor Assistant– Dick Holland

Refreshments 9:00am

Lindy Smith, Pat Miller

Sunday, March 14–10:30am

Altar Care-

Judy Sandin, Pat Spalding

Ushers-

Carl DelRose, Mark Bates,

Dave Buentello, Steve Konsdorf,

Rod Haut

Nursery

Kim Sandin, Shirley Nelson

Katie DelRose, Leah Wolfe

Reader – Kelley Sowell

Hosts –

Pastor Assistant – Mark Mannisto

Counters– Pat & Steve Schuknecht

Declaring How Much He Is Worth To Us:

Attendance Feb. 24 & 28

Wednesday 6:30pm 41

Sunday 8:00am 29

Sunday 10:30am 165

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

Gifts last week \$ 4,336.00

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

\$105,801.00 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.