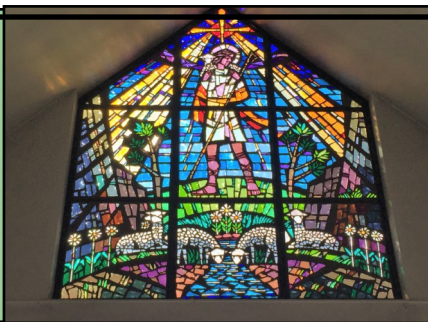


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Call

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today is not normal. Everything is changing day by day and hour by hour. I found comfort and strength in an article written by Lyman Stone, who writes as a missionary in Hong Kong. So, I offer you excerpts from his article titled, "The church must be a refuge in the midst of fear."

"Luther's Small Catechism, in its explanation of the 5th commandment, reads, 'We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.'" "Not only must we, like the Good Samaritan, help the man in the ditch, we should pay our taxes to finance highway police to make banditry less common. The duty of care is deep, but also broad."

"This sensibility has deep roots in times of disaster. Christians were famous in antiquity for caring for plague victims, with both the Antonine and Cyprian plague leading to prominent Christian roles. Religious historian Rodney Stark claims that the Christian response to the Cyprian plague reduced mortality in Christian communities by perhaps as much as 2.3, even as it won numerous converts, hastening the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire."

"In 1527, Martin Luther was asked how Christians should respond to plague. The question was no hypothetical: Bubonic Plague had struck the area. Christians were afraid, and given Luther's importance to that movement, Protestant princes urged Luther to flee, to save himself. He refused, instead writing the short tract now known as 'Whether One May Flee From A Deadly Plague.' Luther argued that Christians have a dual duty to care for those whom God has placed in our path through our vocations, alongside a duty to care for the bodies which God has placed in our stewardship. Thus, we can indeed flee a plague for safety: unless we have duties to people who cannot flee."

"Luther makes clear that government officials cannot flee a stricken city, pastors cannot abandon their sheep (especially behind the scenes if it's necessary to not meet for a season), parents cannot eschew their duties to sickened children, and neighbors cannot abrogate the implied duties of neighborly care. Love your neighbor, sick or well. But if your neighbor flees and you have no other duties, you can go too. And, of course, if governments command quarantines, or a cordon sanitaire, or removals, Christians can comply."

"But Luther makes very clear that he intends to enjoin care even unto death, saying that Christians should not fear 'some small boils,' and that 'death is death, however it may come.' Christians do not abandon their crosses because they get heavy. We die on them."

He goes on to write, "We are not helping our neighbor if we expose him to lethal germs through our negligence. And indeed, religious institutions have been at the epicenter of COVID-19; in Washington, D.C., the first confirmed case was the Rector of an Episcopal church. Thus, Christians face a two-sided duty: to comfort those who are afflicted, but no to infect the vulnerable."

He ends with, "Since shortages of basic commodities are a guarantee, Christians can set an example of community support." "When they have two dollops of hand soap left, Christians give the first one away." "This is the witness of our ancestors in the faith since time immemorial; this is the path they have walked; this is how we love our neighbors. We love our neighbors as ourselves, even laying down our lives for them. And crucially, this is also how we reduce the spread of COVID-19 without enabling an epidemic of mental health: with strict sanitation, but generous witness."

Be safe. Be well. Be blessed!

Kathleen J. Baker, pastor



MEETING NOTICE

The Semi-annual
Meeting of the
Congregation
of Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
has been called for
Sunday, April 26, 2020.
There will be one service
of worship that day, at
9:30 a.m., with the
meeting to follow.

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**April Birthdays**

April 1: Sylvia McAnaney
 and Donald Uhazie

April 2: Dakota Dougherty,
 Michael Knight, and
 Samuel Sprunk

April 4: Jason Ulerick

April 6: Sonny Bostdorf

April 7: Blake Bair, Lynne Clemente,
 Dori Pitzner, and William Tuttle

April 8: Douglas Schreffler

April 9: Richard Deibler
 and Anna Scheetz

April 10: Will Wright

April 13: Jeanne Romberger

April 15: Joyce Tuttle

April 19: Bertram Kreider, Jr.,
 Robert Sprunk, and Sara Sprunk

April 23: Alexandra Bridges

April 26: Mary Petruschke

April 27: Denny Beaver
 and Susan Master

April 30: Hadley Younkins

**Online Worship
 at Good Shepherd****FACEBOOK**

Search "Good
 Shepherd Paxtang" on
 Facebook or using your internet search
 engine. It is not necessary to have a
 Facebook account to access the church
 Facebook page. Services will be
 live streamed and archived on
 Facebook.

WEBSITE

A link to video recordings of services will
 be posted after the conclusion of
 worship on the church website,

**Holy Week**

*At the time of publication, Holy Week services
 are scheduled to be live streamed on Facebook.*

*Video recordings will be available on the
 church website shortly after the conclusion of
 worship at www.goodshepherdpxtang.com*

Palm Sunday—April 5—8:30 a.m.

*Palms may be picked up at the church between
 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. by driving by the
 Wilhelm Street entrance.*

Maundy Thursday—April 9—7:30 p.m.

*Confessions may be mailed to the church prior
 to Maundy Thursday—please mark the envelope
 "confession." All confessions will remain sealed
 and confidential, to be absolved on Maundy
 Thursday.*

Good Friday—April 10—7:30 p.m.**Easter Vigil—April 11—7:30 p.m.****Easter Sunday—April 12—8:30 a.m.**

HOW TO HELP IN THIS UNCERTAIN TIME

Ecumenical Food Pantry Messiah Lutheran Church, Harrisburg

The Ecumenical Food Pantry is open. Food supply is not an issue, rather the concern is for the volunteers, many of whom are elderly and at risk. If you have healthy volunteers who are willing to step in (must adhere to strict protocol), please contact Food Pantry chair Lynn Bertram at 717-329-2078. She is asking that there be 1 person per church coordinating so she does not get inundated with individual calls. Drop off of food already collected is still possible—please call ahead at 717-233-6731.

Health Ministries Wishlist Christ Lutheran Church 124 South 13th Street Harrisburg

ITEMS NEEDED

Bayer contour blood glucose test strips
Tussin CF cough medicine
honey • lice shampoo • allergy eye drops
Similasan pinkeye drops
sugar-free cough drops • shoe inserts
men's & women's socks • underwear
t-shirts • chapstick • toothpaste • soap
toothbrush • deodorant
back supports/braces
HP LaserJet toner, 85A & 83A
quality orthotics
(knee, ankle, wrist braces)
muscle rub pain relief cream
hot/cold packs for muscle pain
coffee • tea • sugar • powdered creamer

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is in urgent need of monetary donations to cover food expenses during this time that they are sheltering in place.

Donations may be mailed to:

**Family Promise
56 Erford Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011**

Or, donate via their website:
www.familypromisehcr.org



From our Treasurer: February Financials

Feb. Financial Summary

	2020	
	FEB	YTD
Giving	18,715	36,390
Spending	16,674	40,958
Transfer to Exchange*	(300)	(600)
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,741	(5,168)

*1/2 of Daycare income transferred to
Exchange-Property

Balances

General Fund	18,420
Exchange (Restricted)	353,384
Memorial	3,958
Mission Investment Fund CD	28,992
Investments	268,277

GIVING OPTIONS

During this time of social distancing, and at other times (for convenience or for when you are unable to be in worship), offerings may be mailed to the church office; you may request that your financial institution make a check to be sent to Good Shepherd; or, an automatic payment may be established through your financial institution.

Thank you.

April Readings

4/1: Psalm 143, Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41, Matthew 22:23-33

4/2: Psalm 31:9-16, 1 Samuel 16:11-13, Philippians 1:1-11

4/3: Psalm 31:9-16, Job 13:13-19, Philippians 1:21-30

4/4: Psalm 31:9-16, Lamentations 3:55-66, Mark 10:32-34

4/5 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: Matthew 21:1-11,

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16,

Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

HOLY WEEK:

4/6: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11

4/7: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31,
John 12:30-36

4/8 Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32

4/9 MAUNDY THURSDAY: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

4/10 GOOD FRIDAY: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

4/11 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—VIGIL OF EASTER:
Romans 6:3-11, John 20:1-18

4/12: RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY:

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4,
Matthew 28:1-10

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER EVENING:

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 114, 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8, Luke 24:13-49

4/13: Psalm 118:1-2, 14:24, Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21,
Colossians 3:5-11

4/14: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Exodus 15:1-18, Colossians 3:12-17

4/15 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Joshua 3:1-7, Matthew 28:1-10

4/16: Psalm 16, Song of Solomon 2:8-15, Colossians 4:2-5

4/17: Psalm 16, Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

4/18: Psalm 16, Song of Solomon 8:6-7, John 20:11-20

4/19 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 2:14a, 22-32,
Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

4/20: Psalm 114, Judges 6:36-40, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

4/21: Psalm 114, Jonah 1:1-17, 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

4/22: Psalm 114, Jonah 2:1-10, Matthew 12:38-42

4/23: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, Isaiah 25:1-5, 1 Peter 1:8b-12

4/24: Psalm 116:1-4, 12:19, Isaiah 26:1-4, 1 Peter 1:13-16

4/25: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, Isaiah 25:6-9, Luke 14:12-14

4/26: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 2:14a, 36-41,
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

4/27: Psalm 134, Genesis 18:1-14, 1 Peter 1:23-25

4/28: Psalm 134 Proverbs 8:32-9:6, 1 Peter 2:1-3

4/29: Psalm 134, Exodus 24:1-11, John 21:1-14

4/30: Psalm 23, Exodus 2:15b-25, 1 Peter 2:9-12



THURSDAYS IN BLACK

If you google Thursdays in Black, World Council of Churches, you will discover information, photos and videos. These facts are from one of their videos. This has become a global ecumenical movement.

It's not about victims; it's about SOLIDARITY. They focus on 2 R's, RESISTANCE and RESILIENCE. We could make it 3 by adding RESPECT.

- **1 in 3 women experience physical or sexual violence**
- **8 in 10 (more than) girls experience street harassment**
- **1 in 4 children under the age of 5 are in households where domestic violence happens**

I first heard the phrase "Thursdays in Black" when Angela Bell, our WELCA Churchwide Rep, arrived Thursday in Harrisburg for our August LS SWO ELCA Convention. She explained she was wearing black because of a WELCA commitment. Then at our President's Conference February 2020 in Chicago we were given a bag of "THURSDAY IN BLACK" buttons. On top of the button are the words "Toward a world without rape and violence". On the bottom of the button is their logo and "World Council of Churches."

At the Churchwide ELCA Assembly, the decision was made to become a part of this program. It shouldn't be a surprise because the ELCA has a social message with facts and a study guide on gender based violence. Lutheran World Federation has a report on "A Faith Reflection on Gender and Power". The ELCA has a Social Statement on Women and Justice. Members of the LS SWO WELCA Executive Board participated in a Study and Response session. At one of our recent triennials, there were 2 DVD'S viewed. They were "Miss Representation" on media messages of women and children and "I Believe" on domestic violence from 3 faith perspectives. Copies were donated by WELCA to resource centers. They are available at our resource center. You can watch them in your home. These materials would also be great for women or church Sunday School groups.

So here in the United States in March, we celebrated March Woman's History Month and International Woman's Day March 8, 2020. It's also the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, woman's right to vote. It took decades but Virginia passed the Equal Rights Amendment which gives us the number of states needed to pass. Now, we have to see if it happens because the deadline passed. The VAWA, Violence Against Women Act, expired after 25 years during a recent government shutdown. It's a federal law that "creates and supports comprehensive cost effective responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking." Recently a federal law passed making cruelty to animals a crime. There were shelters for animals before there were shelters for women and children. Melinda Gates in a recent article, stated that the World Economic Forum projected that the US won't receive gender equity for another 208 years. Yes, It's time for a few more Esthers. It's time to show our SOLIDARITY, RESISTANCE and RESILIENCE. It's time to do THURSDAYS IN BLACK.

R₃ UPDATE

At the most recent R₃ training on March 7, 2020, teams were sent out to conduct face-to-face interviews with leaders of surrounding businesses and non-profit organizations to gather information. Good Shepherd's team interviewed the director of Project Share, a non-profit food bank. This exercise was to prepare us for our current assignment, that is, to choose and interview leaders in our local community. Our 6-member team met and divided into groups of two with each group set to interview a school counselor, a local government official, a local business owner/leader, and the leader of a non-profit. We were provided with an interview form containing the following questions:

1. What do you know about our church and its work?
2. What do you see as the *biggest strengths of this community/neighborhood*?
3. What are the three *biggest issues collectively facing this community/neighborhood*?
4. What are the three *biggest issues facing area families/households*?
5. What things do you think a helpful church could be *working on to benefit the community*?
6. What could a helpful church do to *make your work/organization more effective*?
7. Who else should we be talking to who is doing good work?

The team had hoped to conduct in-person interviews, but the Coronavirus outbreak has forced us, instead, to do phone interviews. Due to closures, certain community leaders may not be available.

Funeral Luncheon Update

Please indicate your interest in helping with these efforts by completing and returning this form to Susan Master's mailbox or by placing it in the offering plate during worship.

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

___ **Set-up Volunteers:** Set up the library and the ASH for the luncheon (tables/chairs, linens, etc.).

___ **Food Prep and Servers:** Organize and prepare food to be served

___ **Clean-up Volunteers:** Clean up ASH, the library, and the kitchen after the luncheon.

___ **Donations:** Please indicate below what you would be willing to make or donate (recipes can be provided)

Entrees

___ Beef Barbecue

___ Chili

Sides

___ Mac & Cheese

___ Baked Beans

___ Scalloped Potatoes

___ Applesauce

___ Corn or Baked Corn

___ Devilled Eggs

___ Creamy Cole Slaw

Desserts

___ Cake: _____ (type)

___ Eclairs/Cream Puffs

___ Angel Food Cake

___ Brownies

___ Other

___ Homemade Cookies _____ (type)

Salads

___ Tossed/Green

___ Potato

___ Macaroni

___ Three Bean

___ Carrot and Raisin

___ Ambrosia

___ Fruited Gelatin

___ Other

___ Fresh Veggie Tray with dip

___ Fresh Fruit Salad or Tray

Breads

___ Sandwich Rolls

Beverages

___ Punch

___ Iced Tea

___ Lemonade

April Birthday Party Reenvisioned

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the April Birthday Party at Frey Village has been cancelled. In lieu of the gathering, gift bags will be delivered to those celebrating April birthdays. Donations are invited for gift bags as well as for the Frey Village Activities Department, which is still holding bingo and other group activities for residents. Contact Sylvia McAnaney for more information.



THE CONCERT OF HOPE POSTPONED

Christian Churches United's Concert of HOPE (Helping Our Prisoners and Ex-offenders), originally scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill), has been postponed. A rescheduled date or full cancellation will be announced in coming weeks.

Strike Out Homelessness Rescheduled

The Family Promise Strike Out Homelessness event has been rescheduled and will be held Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Trindle Bowl, 4695 E. Trindle Road in Mechanicsburg. Cost is \$11 per bowler, which includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, one small soda, and one slice of pizza. Bowlers may be of any age, and each lane can hold up to six bowlers.



The Poverty Simulation Rescheduled

***Saturday, April 18, 2020
8:30 a.m.***



A Poverty Simulation is a true-to-life role playing experience for groups and organizations to experience first-hand the challenges, decisions, and life of someone in poverty. Poverty Simulations are thought-provoking and lead to powerful conversations. They help us all realize that it takes a community to end poverty.

WHERE: Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church, 2217 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA

WHEN: Saturday, April 18, 2020
8:30 a.m.—9 a.m. Registration and Coffee
9 a.m.—12 p.m. Poverty Simulation & Debrief

Registration is required—contact Darrel Reinford, Christian Churches United Executive Director, at 717-230-9550 or dreinford@ccuhbg.org.

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7pm Evening Prayer (Chapel) Streamed on	2	3	4
5 PALM SUNDAY 8:30am W&S (Nave) Streamed on Facebook	6	7	8	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 p.m. W & S (Nave) Streamed on Facebook	10 GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 p.m. W & S (Nave) Streamed on Facebook Live	11 EASTER VIGIL 7:30 p.m. W & S (Nave) Streamed on Facebook Live
12 EASTER 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave) Streamed on Facebook Live	13 9:30 a.m. WELCA (Sts. P & P) 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop & Pack 42 (ASH) 7pm Council M. Luther	14 9:30 am Women's Workshop (ASH) 1:30 pm Pericope (St. Stephen's)	15 9:30 am W&S (Chapel) 7 pm Keystone Band (ASH)	16 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (JS Bach)	17	18 5 pm W & S (Chapel)
19 8:30am W&S (Nave) 9:45am Church School (Library) 11am W&S	20 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop & Pack 42 (ASH)	21 9:30 am Women's Workshop (ASH) 1:30 pm Pericope (St. Stephen's)	22 9:30 am W&S (Chapel) 7 pm Keystone Band (ASH)	23 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (JS Bach)	24	25 5 pm W & S (Chapel)
26 9:30 a.m. W&S (Nave) Semi-annual Meeting of the Congregation 10:30 a.m. (Nave)	27 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop & Pack 42 (ASH)	28 9:30 am Women's Workshop (ASH) 1:30 pm Pericope (St. Stephen's)	29 9:30 am W&S (Chapel) 7 pm Keystone Band (ASH)	30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. (JS Bach)		

2020 Help Ministries Golf Tournament

Monday, June 8, 2020

Sunset Golf Course • 2601 Sunset Drive, Middletown

7:45 a.m. Registration • **8:30 a.m.** Start (18-hole team scramble) • **1 p.m.** Lunch/Awards Ceremony

Registration/Sponsorship:

Golf Team PLUS Sponsor: \$500 (4 golfers with hole sign)

Golf Team: \$400 (4 golfers)

Individual golfers: \$100

Hole Sponsor \$150



Included with registration: Cart rental and greens

fees; Team, Skill, and Door Prizes; Silent Auction; Refreshments and Buffet Lunch.

Mulligans available for purchase.

Contact Steve Schwartz at golf@ccuhbgorg or (717) 230 9550 for more information.

Flowers \$25

Bulletins \$30

Lamps \$10

A central calendar is also posted in the narthex of the nave . Sign your name to that calendar as well and turn in the form to the office. We can

April 5	Baum	Deaner	
April 12	Boyne	Wright	McCauley
April 19			
April 26	Baker		

Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday _____ 2020

_____ To the Glory of God _____ In Memory Of _____ In Honor Of _____ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Easter Lily Decoration Fund

Please return this slip with your contribution (any amount you'd like) to the church office, to be put toward the Easter Decoration Fund. The various dedications (below) will be printed in alphabetical order by last name in our Upcoming Easter bulletins. Thank You!

_____ To the Glory of God _____ In Memory Of _____ In Honor Of _____ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____ Amount: _____

Purpose

Saved by God's Grace, led by the Holy Spirit, and nurtured by Word and Sacrament, the Good Shepherd congregation seeks to live and demonstrate Christ's love and acts through worship, prayer, fellowship and outreach.

Principles

The key principles that the congregation of Good Shepherd utilizes as its foundation in fulfilling its purpose are as follows:

We, the congregation, are:

1. Worshipping the Holy Trinity: God, the Father, as Creator, Jesus as Savior, and the Holy Spirit as Comforter;
2. Demonstrating and embodying God's love to all;
3. Spreading the word of God with the community and world around us;
4. Living in service to God and others; and
5. Sharing God's abundant gifts.

Adopted by the Congregation council of Good Shepherd on September 13, 2010.



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Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Saturday (chapel)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday (nave)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (chapel)