

The Staff

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of the Good Shepherd

Our Mission:

To equip God's people for ministry with a vision to share God's Word!

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HOW CAN THEY HEAR?

Do you have neighbors who go overboard at Christmas or Halloween when it comes to outdoor lighting and decorations? (*Links below) Also, have you wondered about homes decorated for Easter during Lent? You must have seen such homes. Most of their owners have no clue about Good Friday or Easter.

Also, if you ask the average child what Easter is all about, he or she will tell you about the Easter Bunny, Easter eggs and baskets. (By the way, aren't you annoyed by that Easter basket 'grass' that sticks to everything in our homes and lingers long after Easter?) It's not just children with cute ideas – many adults don't know about Good Friday and Easter. They do not know what Jesus did for them. You and I have been taught by our Pastors and Sunday School teachers why the Friday before Easter is called Good. We were also taught why we celebrate Easter.

But we have the task of telling others. In Romans 10:13-14, St. Paul tells us ***“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*** That is why the Scriptures say, ***“How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”***

So tell others your plans for this Lenten season and the coming Holy Week. Tell them why you attend Wednesday night Lent services in addition to Sunday's. Start with the children and grandchildren in the family. You can also tell relatives, friends and coworkers. Tell them why YOU go to church. Tell them because of Jesus, even though YOU may die, YOU will not stay dead. Talk about yourself and what Jesus did for YOU. Invite them to our Easter Service and breakfast.

Now Jesus loves all of His creations including bunnies. He also created the Cacao trees that give us chocolate. But don't you think it is a little bit strange that parents and grandparents exalt bunnies, jelly beans and decorations over Jesus, and that too on His Resurrection Day?

That's why you and I should ask ourselves, “How can they hear if I don't tell them?” They deserve to hear the Good News.

God Bless Us All, Pastor Ben

Extreme Christmas Lights –
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PcU_cDZvxY&feature=related
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hpm8rhZjL5g>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**"ONE-OF-A-
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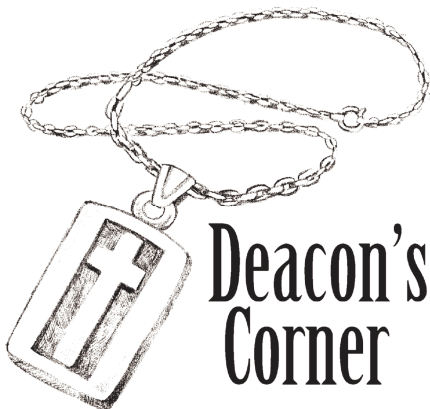
THE GRASSLAND SAFARI

**“A ONE-OF-A-KIND LION and
A ONE-OF-A-KIND RESCUE”**

Here the children will visit life on the grassland plains.

The devotion for this day will teach the children about the Serengeti plains and its animal and plant life. The devotion will lead into the story of Daniel in the den of one-of-a-kind lions.

(Next month – The Living Sea)



**Deacon's
Corner**

The deacons will be restarting “Care Groups” here at good Shepherd. You will be getting a letter with the names of your deacons, and the deacons with the outreach committee will be starting member visitations. If you **don't** want to be visited please cross your name off the directory on the counter by the door. If you would like a *phone call* instead of a visit or would like to join us in connecting with your fellow brothers and sisters here at Good Shepherd, please let one of your deacons know. If you are *NOT* in the directory, please add your name and if you would like a visit or a phone call.

EASTER AND GIVING



STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! This is the message we share as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. This is also the message of

the entire 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians where we find the Good News of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins and His victory over sin, death, and hell as He rises from the dead. Then Paul goes on to explain how Jesus' victory is our victory – that, because Christ is risen from the dead, so, too, shall we rise from the dead. The whole chapter is Good News upon Good News culminating in words from the prophet Isaiah, "Death is swallowed up in victory." Paul adds, "But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57).

Then we have the "therefore." The "therefore" is our response to this best of all news.

"Therefore," Paul writes, "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our labor, our acts of doing good to others, of serving in our

congregations, our encouraging our pastors and other church workers, our fellowship with other believers are to abound. We are never to give up or grow weary – we won't NEED to grow weary – for our work is in the Lord Who equips us to do His will (Hebrews 13:21) so that nothing we do is in vain.

Paul isn't finished with his "therefore." It continues in the next chapter: "Now concerning the collection for the saints... On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

At first, we might think this is an abrupt transition – moving from such heights as the Resurrection and life eternal to talking about such earthly things as setting aside part of one's income to give to the church. Reflecting upon the whole Easter message again, though, we see the importance of sharing this Good News by using all our resources, our labor and our money. We see the very strong link between Easter and giving, between Christ's ultimate sacrifice and our small, yet significant in His eyes, sacrifice. And just as Jesus found joy in looking beyond the cross, so do we find joy in looking at our Savior (Hebrews 12:2).

Memories:

Do you have any "memories" of Good Shepherd? Do you still have the banner you made in your Confirmation Class?? Do you have pictures from any events, i.e. confirmation fellowship events, LYF plays, Easter breakfast, etc? The 50th Anniversary Committee will be putting together a DVD and poster of these memories to show at our Anniversary Dinner on October 2, 2011. Please bring in ANY item you have (old bulletins, etc). Be sure to put your name on any item so they can be returned to you. If you have any questions, please see Marie Bergfeldt or Debbie Onorato.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – FOR OUR CHILDREN

Sunday School News

I want to commend all teachers for the great job you are doing and especially those teaching our children. Teaching others is a very important responsibility in grounding our children, young people, and adults in the faith. If we don't teach our children the truth of God's word while they are under our guidance, they will be lost and this is very serious.

God wants His word to be taught diligently. We read in Deuteronomy 6:6-7, "*And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*" Teaching God's word -especially to our children is one of the most important things we can do.

As parents we help our children with their school subjects at home, but we also need to spend time with them to know the bible. This can be accomplished through review of their bible based Sunday school lessons and the stewardship handouts each child receives. Be an active participant in their faith journey! So often we ask the question why do children fall away and become lost when they become teenagers or when they leave home? God's word says, "*My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge*" (Hosea 4:6). If our children are lacking in knowledge of God's word they will most likely be lost.

Attending Sunday school and reinforcing the lessons being taught to our children will increase their faith in God, because "*faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.*" (Romans 10:17). God's inspired word says, "*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it*" (Proverbs 22:6).

It is our responsibility as parents to teach our children to have proper spiritual values and this can only be done by teaching them God's word.

God has commanded us, "*And these words which I command today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up*" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Our teaching responsibility is a 24/7 task. We must demonstrate by our lives that God and His word are the most important things in our lives. Our children are watching and being taught by our example.

Actions speak louder than words. We must not expect our children to "do as I say, not as I do". It is not if our children are going to be taught. It is who will teach them and what they are going to be taught. If we don't teach them, someone else will. Let's bring our children "*up in the training and instruction of the Lord*" (Ephesians 6:4) so we and they can be together in heaven.

Special Dates

April 3 – Opening – 9:15 in the sanctuary - 5th and 6th grade hosting

April 3 – 10:30 AM Service – the Pre K and Kindergarten musical performance lead by youth group members

April 8 – Friday evening – LYF Dinner Theater

April 10 – 10:30 AM Service – 1st and 2nd grade musical performance

April 10 – Sunday afternoon – LYF Lunch Theater

April 24 – Easter – no classes

May 1 – Opening – 9:15 in the sanctuary Earth Friendly – host Abby Eaton

May 30 – April 1 – Confirmation II Retreat

June 5 – Confirmation Sunday

June 12 - Opening – 9:15 in the sanctuary – Youth Group Hosting

June 19 – Last day of school and Father's Day!

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Morrison, Sunday School Superintendent

Good Shepherd Children's Center

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL



Spring is coming!!! I'm very happy the cold and the snow seem to be on their way out, kids are happy too, they get to go outside more often. Open House on March 12th gave us nice results, quite a few visitors, and a few people who decided they wanted to sign right up. It was good to hear very nice things from people who stopped in or called. Most said they heard about the school through word of mouth and knowing people who already have their child enrolled here, others found us on the internet, which makes me

happy...means my little website is doing the trick, others noticed the signs from the highway. The dentist stopped by a few weeks ago to talk to the kids about oral health through a video and hands on lesson where she asked for volunteers. The kids got dressed up and demonstrated how a cavity forms. They also received a goody bag that included a new toothbrush and toothpaste. Ronald McDonald visited us as well and read to the children...most were happy he was here... :) Picture Days are March 29th and March 30th

Happy Easter to all!!!

Lorraine Campo, Director
GSCC

LIDS – LIDS – LIDS

(Recycle & Reuse)

The Sunday School and VBS students are in need of the following items: **ANY** plastic lid: BIG or small, round or oval can be recycled in upcoming art projects. We can use items such as Gatorade lids, water bottle lids, soda bottle tops, Bunny ice cream lids, frosting lids, coffee can lids, and bread crumb lids. Any of these that you have now, save and bring to drop off at church. There will be a container in the Kitchen area for you to “recycle” your lids.



APRIL 2011 EVENTS

Saturday Evening Services at 5:00 PM – April 2, 9, 16, 30
NO Saturday Service on April 23

April 6	Mid week service 7:30 PM Dinner 6PM by Women's Ministry
April 8 & 10	LYF Play 4/8 at 6:00 PM / 4/10 at 2:00 PM
April 9	Princess Retreat – 12 – 8:00 PM
April 13	Mid Week Service 7:30 PM Dinner 6PM by Sunday School
April 17	Palm Sunday
April 21	Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 & Seder at 6:00 PM
April 22	Good Friday Service 7:30 PM
April 23	NO Saturday Service
April 24	EASTER SUNDAY Services at 7:30 am & 10:30 am Easter Breakfast between service at 9:15 and 9:45 AM
April 29 – May 1	Confirmation II Retreat



Those Recovering

Rose Sydor
Gloria Carias
Michele Carlson
Michael Junco
Brigitte Meitzner
Christine McGrade

Those in Nursing Homes

Jerry Bosco – Brother of Rosemarie Staudinger
Emmy Moore –sister of Katrina Clapsis
Leela Mallepalle

Those who are Shut-in

Marion Morgan
Joan Brenner
Josie Schubert –mother of Mary Artache

Those with Other Needs

Jack Kaplan – nephew of Marie Bergfeldt
Nicole Stacy
Olivia Rae Vargas – niece of Sue Hawley
Gloria Carias
Ray Monel –father of Barbara Di Maggio
Jake Johnson –grandson of Pastor &
Georgeann
Gregory Pryor –brother of Patrick Pryor
Vincent Siclari, Jr. –brother of Ed Siclari
Terry Hayes –mother of Laurie Burke

Those Struggling with Cancer

Tony DeLuca – friend of the Bergfeldt's
Ed Siclari
Vinny Campo – husband of Care Center Director
Elaine Bosco, sister of RoseMarie Staudinger
Marie Giacomini – mother of Bill Burke
Peggy DeMarco – friend of the Kotora
Family
Joseph Spinelli – friend of Toni & Pat Pryor
Debbie Pryor – cousin to Toni & Pat Pryor
Kathy Hill – friend of Pryors

Those in the Military

Ron Rutan – nephew of the Rutans – USS R. Reagan
Chrystal Rutan – niece of the Rutans – USS Preble
Andrew DePasquale – nephew of June Hullings
Matthew Walczak - friend of the Kim's
Jason Lefkowitz – friend of the Bergfeldt Family
Nelson Junco – nephew of Millie Junco (in
Afghanistan)
Patrick Grimes – grandson of Joan Brenner
Jeff Borkowski
Dustin Brown
Jeff Kotora
Guy Kotora
Brian Borkowski –nephew of the Borkowski's
Fabian Lopez –friend of Russell Domis
Darrin Brown –co-worker of Beth Meyer
David Haczyk –friend of Siclari's
Elizabeth Roslak –friend of Siclari's
Jon Griswold –brother-in-law of Heidi Griswold
Marc Artache –nephew of Julio & Mary Artache

Please review the list, and let Marie know if there are any changes. Thank You.

For Your Information

Happy Birthday to...

Stephanie Garofalo 4/01
Elizabeth Pedersen 4/02
Toni Pryor 4/03
Paige Larkin 4/06
Christopher Bowen 4/06
Jennifer Bergfeldt 4/07
Candice Green 4/07
Serina Figueiras 4/08
Joan Brenner 4/10
Colleen Domis 4/10
Jeffrey Patterson 4/10
Jill O'Connor 4/10
Janis Lee Doran 4/10
Alexandra Verello 4/11
Julia Garg 4/12
William Burke 4/14
Russell Domis 4/15
Alyssa Petersen 4/16
Karl Carlson 4/17
Sandra Shipley 4/18
Rose Sydor 4/18
Camryn Burniston 4/18
Giselle D'Andrea 4/18
Julio Artache 4/19
Ken Magazzu 4/20
Daniel Cinquegrana 4/20
Janet Stacy 4/22
Tara Burniston 4/22
Trevor Flynn-Stead 4/22
John Cocklin 4/25
Peter Bergfeldt 4/27
Lauren Giraldo 4/27
Corey Riggs 4/28
Angelica Nieves 4/28

Astrid D'Andrea 4/28
David Dill 4/30
Eric Meitzner 4/30
Jason Schwartz 4/30

Happy Anniversary to...

Linda & Daniel Cinquegrana 4/04
Lori & Herman Gonzalez 4/22
William & Lisa Qualman 4/25

FROM THE ALLEYS

Submitted by Laurie Burke



As I write this article we are heading into our 2nd position night of the 2nd half. We welcome a new sub in our midst: Tom Earl (husband of Michele on Jersey Sure). Right now here are the 5 teams trying to strike 1st place: Bowling Thunder, Frayed Knot, Lane Rovers, Pin Heads and Strike Force. Bowl Dogs and Middle Lane are battling to see who will hold up the rest of us. You ask, "Who is bowling on these teams?" - come visit us and find out -- Monday nights 8:30 PM Strathmore Lanes in Aberdeen.

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Worship Services

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:15 AM
Bible Classes at 9:30 AM

Saturday Evening Service @ 5:00 PM
Midweek Lenten Service at 7:30 PM
Maundy Thursday at 7:30 PM
Good Friday at 7:30 PM
Easter Services at 7:30 & 10:30 AM

Youth Fellowship Meetings 1st Sunday of
each month at 6:00 PM

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God's love at work here!