



# From the Pastor

One of the Old Testament festivals that is very appropriate to talk about as Lent is beginning is the Jubilee Festival. It was not celebrated every year but only once every seven years. As God had commanded the people to observe the Sabbath and not work one day a week, God also wanted the people and land to rest one year beginning at the start of the Sabbath. Many things were to happen during this year. All debt owed to them by fellow Hebrews was to be forgiven completely. The only debt that carried on after the year of Jubilee was that owed to them by Gentiles. Another thing to happen was the restoration of any land. If land had been sold or taken from a person, it was to be restored to him during this year. Perhaps, one of the most important things was that all Hebrew slaves were to be freed immediately by their masters.

How does this connect to Lent? Jesus quotes the Old Testament commands on the Jubilee festival in Luke 4:16-30. Jesus added a twist to it. He said the year of Jubilee was beginning then. At the end of that narrative the people wanted to throw him off a cliff. What was the big deal and how does this connect to Lent?

Lent is when we look over our lives and realize that we have broken God's Holy law and that we deserve nothing but His wrath. Those are not merely empty words, they should strike fear in us. We owe a debt of sin to God that we cannot repay. Someday, we will be called to our eternal rest but how can we enjoy the rest to come when we owe the debt of sin. Here is where the year of Jubilee comes into play and the ultimate fulfillment of it by Christ. Our debt is taken away by Christ on the cross. Believers are forgiven of all their sin. The land that we had lost was first the Garden of Eden and also our place in heaven. Our first parents, Adam and Eve sold that precious land for fruit which did to them what they thought it would. In a sense, they were cheated. By that sin, they were enslaved by the Devil. When Christ came to declare the year of Jubilee, He cancelled our debt, freed us the power of the Devil and restored us to our rightful place in His Kingdom.

Lent and Easter are the ultimate celebration in the Jubilee festival. Christ restores us to our place with Him forever.

Pastor Daene



March 12, 2017



Spring begins  
March 20, 2017

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### Special points of interest:

- Ash Wednesday Service, March 1, 7:30 pm ; Soup and Sandwich at 6:30 pm
- Lent Services March 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5. All begin at 7:30 pm. Soup & Sandwich Supper before at 6:30 pm
- Daylight Saving Time begins March 12
- Pitch-in Lunch March 26, after worship service

## Church Council Highlights ~ ~

GSLC Church Council met on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mike Peters, Mike Hartman, Amy Houck, Anne Hartman, Pastor Daene, Susan Segó, Gerda Martin, Kent Krimmel, and Paul Cox. Absent were: Jeff Hawkins, Kathy Hawkins, Kevin Weber, Johannah Pollert and Joyce Bauman.

Mike Peters, President gave a prayer to open the meeting.

A welcome aboard was given to Susan Segó Co-chair of the Missions Committee.

Minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was given by Kent Krimmel. Motion carried

Financial Secretary's report showed the offerings for January were \$12,918.50.

Treasurer, Anne Hartman reported expenses for January were \$16,467.32.

Pastor reported the average attendance was 71. He had 4 church services; 2 Church meetings; 3 Confirmation classes; 8 Bible Studies; 2 Premarital Counseling

sessions; 1 Youth Event; 3 Member visits; 1 Shut-in visit; 6 Non-member visits and 5 Hospital visits. The Youth will be going to Winter Jam February 10th and have a Joint Youth meeting on February 16th at Concordia. He has one Adult in a new members class.

Deacon Chairman, Mike Hartman reported that the deacons met on February 5th. They continue to look to fill the open deacon position.

Paul Cox, Trustee Chairman, continues to check and fill the water softener and chlorination system. Volunteers continue to clean the church weekly. Outside light bulbs that were bad have been replaced.

The Stewardship report showed that giving was down in January compared to the last two years.

Mission Co-Chair, Susan Segó presented a report from their meeting on January 15.

They were going to enlist volunteers to go to Orphan Grain Train and the InterChurch

Food Pantry. Visitor packets are going to be designed. Follow-up calls be made to families that visit the church. Maybe do a Free Meal Evening.

Fellowship-Special Events Co-chairs Gerda Martin & Amy Houck reported there was no expenses for our January Pitch-In. They have been working on the Valentine Dinner that will be here in Fellowship Hall on February 11. The dinner will be catered by Johnny Carino's.

New Business: The 2015 Financial Review was completed without any exceptions. The Giving Statements had no disputes.

The 2016 Financial Review was completed without any exceptions. Our local checking account has been changed to MainSource Bank. Giving Statements for 2016 had one dispute and it was investigated and made correct.

## Lutheran Women of Good Shepherd ~ ~ LWGS

Hello Ladies,

First we would like to thank Gerda and Amy (Fellowship-Special Events Co-Chairs) for the great job they did with the Valentine's Dinner on February 11. We had 32 attend.

LWGS sent Valentine's to our College students and young military members with a monetary gift.

Amy read a letter we received from a Seminary student at Fort Wayne thanking us for our donation to the Seminary Food

Bank last year. This helps those going to the Seminary with their food costs while in school.

Good Shepherd's LWGS is hosting the LWML Spring Rally on April 22. We encourage all the ladies from our congregation to attend. Help us show the other congregations that we are involved. Mark it on your calendar; Saturday, April 22. Registration is from 9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. The program is the "Holy Land Tour" by GSLC members, Jon and Sharon Clark. After the program a Mediterranean Style

lunch will be served.



## Care & Concern



**In Sympathy:** Good Shepherd extends sympathy and prayers to Rev. John Kolb on the death of his mother on February 13, 2017.

**Remember in your Prayers:** Anne Hartman, surgery March 27; Sherri Bickell, cancer treatments; Brian Walker's father, surgery; Jeanie Silvers, recovery from surgery; Bonnie Cook, paralyzed; Dianne Peterson, lung cancer;

Ryan Maddox, chronic migraines; Loren Hedricks, cancer; Jim Jones' father, strength and comfort; Thana Carlisle, healing and comfort; Becky Webb, brain tumor; Bill Cummings, fractured hip; Stephanie Stewart, aggressive cancer; Lisa Carter, breast cancer; Debbie Vaughn, strength & healing; Madison Brooke Vanlue, comfort for the family; Ted Perkinson, congestive heart failure; Evelyn Manning, strength & comfort; Josh Trueblood, cancerous brain tumor; Lodema Decker Lines, cancer; Friend of

the Powers family, strength & healing; Shannon Stovall, cancer; Darin Ratliff, seizures; Ben Hall, cancer; Quenton Byrne, blood disease; Katherine Noeth, health issues; and Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

\*\*\*\*\* If you have placed someone on the prayer list, please check on their status and let the office know any changes. We try to keep the prayer list updated as much as possible. Thanks.

# Community Band Interchurch Food Pantry Nursery Help

*The Franklin Community  
Band  
and young musicians*

Will Perform at  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
US 31 South, Franklin

Thursday, March 16, 2017  
7:00—8:30 pm

Refreshments and fellowship  
will follow.

Please join us!!



March is our Month to donate to the InterChurch Food Pantry. Please bring Tomato or Chicken Noodle Soup and/or Crackers to the marked box in the Narthex during this month. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteer to help at the Food Pantry on March 9 from 11:00—1:00 p.m.

Please **sign-up today on the sheet posted on the Nursery door.** Thank you to everyone who is helping out with the Nursery, this is greatly appreciated by our young moms. Please continue to consider helping and for those who are helping, to continue to sign up for future dates! Questions? See Anne, 317-414-3215 or [achartman@usa.net](mailto:achartman@usa.net).



## Deacon's Notes ~ ~ Mike Hartman, Chairman

P.R.A.Y.—Praise, Repent, Access, Yield  
How is your prayer file? Do you follow the steps? The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to “Pray without ceasing” but what does that mean? Do we walk around with our heads bowed all of the time as we go through our day? Or are we to live our daily lives as if we are chatting with God as we go through the day. Someone show you a kindness? An opportunity to pray. Someone cut you off in traffic? An opportunity to pray. Hear a siren in the distance? Pray for both of those in need and those

responding. Our prayer list in the Sunday bulletin? All people in need of your prayers. What an opportunity we all have to show Christ’s love to others by praying on their behalf. What a blessing it is, that because of Christ’s sacrifice for us on the cross, that we can go to the Father with our requests. Be that blessing to others. Pray without ceasing.



## A Word from your Treasurer ~ ~

For January 2017 —

Budget	vs.	Actual	Income
\$16,335		\$16,467	\$13,179

Thank you to all of you who use Smile-Amazon and have chosen Good Shepherd as your designated charity! Every little bit helps and I am pleased to report we just received \$20.92 (accrued total since we signed up last April). Amazon donates .5% from every eligible purchase and we thank you for choosing Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church as your designated charity!

God bless each of you as you continue to give generously!

Anne Hartman



# MOPS

(Mothers of PreSchoolers)

March 17

10:30—11:30 a.m.

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

### OFFICERS FOR 2017

Mike Peters, President  
Kent Krimmel, Vice President  
Johannah Pollert, Secretary  
Anne Hartman, Treasurer  
Joyce Bauman, Financial Secretary  
Paul Cox, Board of Trustees  
Mike Hartman, Board of Deacons  
Kevin Weber, Board of Stewardship  
Heidi Baca, Board of Education  
Sharon Peters & Susan Sego, Board of Missions  
Gerda Martin & Amy Houck, Board of Fellowship  
Jeff Hawkins, Member at Large  
Kathy Hawkins, Member at Large

### DEACONS

Mike Hartman, Chairman 738-2290  
Mike Peters 605-8822  
Kent Krimmel 346-6199  
Jim Jones 878-4712  
Kevin Weber 910-3283

### PRAYER CHAIN

“The prayer of a righteous person  
is powerful and effective.”  
(James 5:13-16)

“Devote yourselves to prayer.”  
(Colossians 4:2)

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for all to use. If you, a family member or a friend have a prayer request, please contact Barb Miller at 317-412-5912, she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, call Barb.

You can also put a prayer request through our website, [gslcfranklin.org](http://gslcfranklin.org) just click on the Prayer Request button and type in your request. It is automatically sent the Pastor and the office.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/3 Angel Fort  
3/5 Amanda Rakow, Nathan Black  
3/6 Callie Johnson  
3/13 Donovan Little  
3/15 Joyce Goforth  
3/20 Dennis Beasley  
3/28 Rusty Wells, Marianne White  
3/30 Andrew Ellis  
3/31 Daryl Pfahler



### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/8 Jerry & Barb Miller  
3/9 Dan & Jan Ellis

*[Please contact the church office (736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]*

**T**ry using our Birthday & Anniversary calendar as a daily prayer calendar. By doing so, you will be praying for someone in our Good Shepherd church family almost every day. A church with members who regularly pray for one another will truly be blessed.