

# Shepherd's Voice

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

*Feeding bodies, minds and souls...*

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## March



**Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church  
4000 Clayton Road  
Concord, CA 94521  
925-682-8410  
gsconcord.com**

**Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

**Refreshments and  
Sunday School for children  
begins at 10:15 a.m.**

## Rev's Reflections

*"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28)*

Jesus tells us that if we are his sheep, we will hear his voice. In our ever increasing secular society it has become taboo to talk like we hear from God. But, we as Lutherans believe that God has never stopped speaking to God's people. But, hearing from God takes work. We are so inundated with white noise from social media, entertainment, phones, television, music, that we often miss God speaking.

The Prophet Elijah was to meet God on Mount Horeb, and here is how the encounter happened.

*"He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'" (1 King 19:11-13)* It wasn't until there was silence that Elijah could hear from God.

During this Lenten season try some silence. Take 5 minutes a day to be by yourself. I put in ear plugs, and go into our sanctuary, which you are welcome to do, too. Do whatever it takes to get silent. Hearing from God takes some preparation, but hopefully this practice will prepare you to hear God when it gets noisy around you.

To refine our God listening ears, during our Lenten Evening prayers, we will be doing an exercise called Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading"). This is a traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer intended to cultivate communion with God and to increase the participants knowledge of God's Word.

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I will read a passage of scripture several times, in between each reading there will be a period of silence. I will have the participants focus on a particular aspect of the verse.

Through this exercise and your silence, it is my hope that we begin to hear from God together in order that we might love God more and our neighbor.

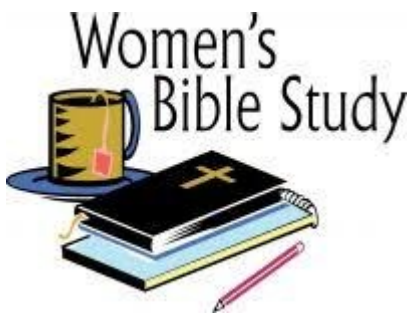
Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for soup and 7:00 pm for prayer.

Peace,  
Rev. Serrano

Congratulations to  
Andrew and Julie Smith  
On the birth of their new baby girl, Ellie!



**RUTH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**



Please join us for this discussion on "Multiple Meanings in the Bible."

Coffee / Tea and snacks will be enjoyed before our study.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 8, and join a group  
of terrific women in Fellowship Hall  
at 10:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

**Do you feel God is calling you to serve the church through worship?**

**Would you like to provide input to grow meaningful, vibrant worship services here at Good Shepherd?**

**Join our Worship and Music Team!**

**We are a fun and committed group and would enjoy having others join us.  
Interested? Talk to Rev. or just come to our next meeting.**

**We usually meet once a month. Dates and times are posted in the bulletin & newsletter.**



Every Sunday we pray for God's help to make us good stewards of the earth. Now we have an opportunity to be of service to the community on Earth Day.

The City of Concord is having a Earth Day clean-up at Hillcrest park at Olivera Road and Grant Street.

The Event is on April 22 from 8:00 am to 12 noon. If you and your friends are interested, please contact Nancy Judge at 925-685-6513.

It would be fun to have a group from Good Shepherd join in the cleanup.

Families will assist with tree plantings, path restoration, creek clean-up, butterfly garden prep and trash pick-up. The check-in tent will be located near the playground. Participants are asked to bring gloves and shovels if they have them, and to come in their favorite work clothes.

### Some Bunny Loves You!

It's that time of the year when we invite you to participate in our bring a stuffed "critter" to church program. Here's how it works:

- > Bring a **NEW** \* stuffed "pet" of any kind with you to church.
- > Allow them to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary.
- > We will fill all of the new stuffed critters with love.
- > Finally, Friends Feeding Friends will distribute them throughout the year to the community.

**\* Agencies we distribute to, such as our local police, require the tags be left on your new donated stuffed animals so they can be identified as new. Thank you!**



### Lent Soup Suppers

**Come and Share Together the Journey through Lent. Our Lenten Soup Suppers begin at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. with Evening prayer beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

**We close in song with Holden Evening Prayer.**



## March Birthdays

Madeline Batchelder	01
Laura Carson	01
Rachel Fassl	02
Jan Harman	02
Lisa Henry	02
Richard Batchelder	04
Sheila Huddleston	04
Kristi Buchholz	06
Johnathon Berg-Eaton	07
Justin Berg-Eaton	07
Jim Olson	07
Maria Batchelder	16
Kathleen Bennett	17
Michelle Christiana	17
Pam Dietz	17
Erin Wardle	17
Rebecca Mears	18
Keith Mecklenburg	19
Paul Rusch	21
Willajean Rogelstad	24
Nancy Knapp	25
Johnny Bantly	26
Caedmon Serrano	28
Nancy Judge	30



## Sunday, March 11, 2018



**A big**  
Thank You  
to Jorge  
Requena  
for hosing  
down the  
trash can  
area in the  
church  
parking lot  
and the  
office wall  
area, too!  
**Thanks!**

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2018

- Have you always wanted to go to Synod Assembly but never had the time until now?
- Do you want to learn more about the ELCA and our Sierra Pacific Synod?
- Would you like to represent Good Shepherd as a Lay Voting Member?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we encourage you to talk to Rev about becoming one of the two Lay Voting Members for Good Shepherd.

We are allotted 1 male and 1 female member.

**31st Annual Synod Assembly – Friday, June 1 – Sunday, June 3**

**Hyatt Regency, 1209 L St, Sacramento**

***We Are Church Together: This is Our Neighborhood***



## News from the Council President

Hello everyone,

Here are some highlights from our Church Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13. Prior to the meeting we had a potluck dinner to welcome our newest council member, Mark Deniston.

Recognitions:

- o Jan Harmon for making ashes for Ash Wednesday as she has done for so many years.
- o Mark Deniston for all his efforts in coordinating with the architect on the Friends Feeding Friends building project.
- o Jamie Rodemsky for all of his work on developing plans and quotes for a security camera system for the campus.
- o Betty Jacobson for all of her hard work and dedication in creating the beautiful paraments.

### 2018 Committee Chairs

***At our Feb. meeting we established the following chairpersons:***

- o **Evangelism** – *Remains* Sue Hertless
- o **Fellowship** – Is now Candace Bradley
- o **Worship & Music** – **Open** – We would welcome anyone taking the Chairperson duties without being having to be on Council. The Chair can report on activities through the Pastor or myself.
- o **Stewardship** – *Remains* Nancy Judge
- o **Property & Long-Range Planning** – *Remains* Tony Rogelstad
- o **Social Ministry** – Changes from Candace to Mark Deniston
- o **Youth & Christian Ed** – *Remains* Adam Castle
- o **Finance** – *Remains* Tyler Costa
- o **Secretary** – *Remains* John Mott

### Other Council News...

- **Security Cameras** – During our meeting the Council approved a motion by the Property Committee to install security cameras around the campus. The expenditure will be in the neighborhood of \$3,800 when complete. As mentioned above, the Council thanks Jamie Rodemsky for all of his effort in putting together the design and quotes.
- **Brick in Todos Santos Square** – The Council approved a motion by the Evangelism Committee to sponsor a brick at the base of Concord founding father Don Salvio Pacheco statue in Todos Santos Plaza.

**In God's Peace, Greg Buchholz, Council President**

## Wedding Anniversaries

Gordon and Donna  
Monroe

March 21, 1954

Duane and Patricia  
Fiene

March 27, 1993



The Men's Breakfast  
and Bible Study



is Saturday, March 24.

8:00 a.m.

We meet in the kitchen.

## The Luther Rose

In El Salvador the Luther Rose was seen on the paraments at Resurrection Lutheran Church and on the wooden cross necklace given to Betty Jacobsen by one of the Lutheran pastors there. The Evangelism Committee is using the same Luther Rose on some of the paraments being made for "Noisy Offering Sundays."

Martin Luther personally oversaw the creation of the Luther Rose and thought of it as a symbol of his theology. It is also known as the Luther Seal. Following are some explanations of its meaning.

The BLACK cross placed in the center of the heart symbolizes that Jesus' agonizing death on the cross out of love for us. Just as the cross is centered in the heart; Jesus' love, life, and death should be the center of our faith.

The heart represents the passion of God's love for us. It's a pure natural RED to remind us that Christ shed his blood for us and that our sins are forgiven. God's love for us is untarnished by our sinful nature and He loves us unconditionally.

The Rose is WHITE symbolizing the reverence and purity of the Holy Spirit that brings us to faith so we can have peace, joy and comfort in our lives. White is the color for angels and blessed spirits in the Bible. For example: we observe white surrounding Jesus in the Transfiguration story (Matthew 17:1-8), in the angel outside Jesus' tomb, that indicated "He is not here, He has risen." (Matthew 28:6) and again in the Psalm where forgiveness will make us whiter than snow (Psalm 51:7).

The rose is on a BLUE, sky colored background symbolizing the yearning for the joy of a new life in heaven. God promises salvation to all believers who trust in Jesus Christ. This promise can bring peace and harmony to our Christian faith.

Last but not least we have a GOLD circle that surrounds the Luther Rose. The circle symbolizes that our salvation in heaven is endless and has no end. Just as gold is precious and valuable the grace and blessings that God gives us are precious, valuable and endless.

Try to remember the meanings as you observe the Luther Rose on the paraments you will see on Noisy Offering Sunday.



## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

**Maundy Thursday:** Single worship service at 7:00 p.m.  
(March 29)

**Good Friday:** 12:15 p.m. Ecumenical Service at St. Bonaventure  
(March 30) 7:00 p.m., Worship at GSLC

**Easter Sunday:** Single worship service at 9:00 a.m.  
(April 1) Immediately followed by  
Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch in Fellowship Hall

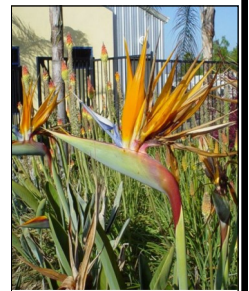


### Palm Sunday is March 25



We will be putting up palms and preparing the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday, on Saturday, March 24, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and you are invited to COME and decorate!

- \* If you have palms to donate please let Rev know.
- \* If you are a gardener and have Bird of Paradise flowers you would like to donate for our sanctuary, please let Rev know.



### March Leisure Lunch is Tue. March 20

Irish people of all nationalities are welcome to our March Leisure Lunch and that's no malarkey! Please join us on Tuesday, March 20th from noon to 1:30 for our luncheon; potatoes will definitely be on the menu. Any questions or suggestions? Call Susan or Bob Ripley at: 925-827-9717. See you there!



*Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day, March 17*

## Looking for a Delicious Winter Soup? This one was served at our first Lenten Soup Supper.

### CARROT AND LEEK SOUP

1 medium leek, thinly sliced  
4 tsp. butter  
6 medium carrots, sliced  
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed  
3 cans (14 1/2 oz.) chicken broth  
2 cups milk OR half and half  
1/8 tsp. pepper



In a large sauce pan, saute leeks in butter until tender. Add carrots, potatoes and broth and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat, cover and simmer until the vegetables are tender.  
Cool to room temperature.

Use a blender to puree vegetables (or mash with a potato masher). Return pureed vegetables to saucepan, stir in milk (or half and half) and pepper; heat thoroughly.

**Yields: 10 servings**  
**Serve with a hearty bread**

## As Winter Turns to Spring. . . . Enjoy Some Great Live Music

### Saturday, March 10th at 7:30 PM

The **Joshua Trio** will present a special 300<sup>th</sup> birthday concert for **Emil Miland's** cello which was built in Italy in 1718. In addition to Emil on his fabulous cello, the trio members are superb full-time musicians **Meredith Clark**, harp, and **Ann Moss**, soprano. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.

### Saturday, April 21st at 7:30 PM

One of the Bay Area's finest classical guitarists, **Glenn Staller**, will be performing a solo guitar concert at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.

### Saturday, May 5th at 7:00 PM

The extremely popular ensemble **Tapestry** under the direction of **Cindy Krausgrill** will be back at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church for their spring concert in May. This unique group combines an excellent handbell ensemble with a fine women's vocal choir which delight audiences with every musical selection. A free will offering will be taken in support of Tapestry and a local charity.

**ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT CLAYTON VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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## Friends Feeding Friends

**An outreach ministry of Good Shepherd that serves the needy in our county**

Sarah Jean's  
Dream at age 4

"So people who  
are really hungry  
have food."



For we are  
God's  
workmanship  
created in  
Christ Jesus to  
do good works,  
which God  
prepared in  
advance for us  
to do.  
Ephesians  
2:10

**1605 Families helped**  
**1754 Bags of food distributed**  
**2058 People helped with groceries**

### Highlights:

- **News RE: Shelter Lunches:** All Shelter Meals are on-hold while the State and County determine criteria for cooking, serving and handling food for churches. This is a safety measure following the tragic Thanksgiving church meal in Antioch last year where 3 people died from food borne illness. It happened in our County, sadly. FYI, church meals are a major source of food poisoning nationwide.
- Despite changes in hot meal service, all other FFF operations will continue.
- Valley Christian Church recently did their annual presentation on FFF. This time, they gave each member one of our food blessing bags and asked them to give one out and report back to the congregation. One lady gave a bag out in Yolo County. The man she gave it to smiled because he recognized our picture of Sarah and knew he would be getting food.

### Items needed this month:

- Cereal (Bagged, boxed, store brand, any kind is appreciated!!)
- Cookies and Crackers (Small or large packs are needed)
- Chips (Any kind, or package size)

You can contact us at [friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com) or [friendsfeedingfriendsca@gmail.com](mailto:friendsfeedingfriendsca@gmail.com), and we are on the church website at <http://gsconcord.com/outreach-ministries/friends-feeding-friends/>

And, if you order on Amazon, don't forget to go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) first and specify The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Concord. Amazon will make a contribution to FFF.


**Every Monday, we sort hundreds of pounds of produce that we pick up as part of a recovery effort. Once sorted, we have to weigh what is recovered, and report the weights the same day. Our pantry clients really appreciate the fresh fruit and vegetables.**



**Worship Assistants March 4, 2018 through April 1, 2018**

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte, Torchbearer	Crucifer	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Sound Ministry	Commun to Shut-Ins	Coffee Ministry	Counters	C.O.D.
3/04	9:00	Bob Ripley	Mike Albrecht Caedmon Serrano	Connie Batchelder	Altar Guild	Caedmon Serrano	Jan Harmon Willajean Rogelstad Linda Mahloch	Mark Deniston and Rosemary Fassel	Ron and Mary Figueroa	Jamie Rodemsky		Rich and Connie Batchelder	Greg Buchholz and Tyler Costa	Mark Deniston
3/11	9:00	Sue Hertless	Susan Metzger and Rosemary Fassel	Anessa Hileman	Altar Guild	Rosie Glen	Laura Carlson Vicki Smiglewski Elizabeth Kich Sue Hertless	Larry and Marcia Sander and Sherry Chaplin	Vicki Smiglewski and Anessa Hileman	Jamie Rodemsky		Jon and Heidi Moss	Greg Buchholz and Tyler Costa	Greg Buchholz
3/18	9:00	Ingrid Burns	Candace Bradley and Allie Buchholz	John Mott	Altar Guild	Allie Buchholz	Ione Bantly Leone McCullough Karin Bohling Tracey Rentner	Kay Bennett and Jeannette Kaul	Ron Figueroa and Liz Bickert	Jamie Rodemsky	Sue Hertless	Gary and Linda Mahloch	Betty Jacobsen and Sue Hertless	Tony Rogelstad
PALM SUN. 3/25	9:00	Candace Bradley	Susan Metzger and Linda Rodemsky	Mike Albrecht	Altar Guild	Levi Serrano	Donna Abeyta Rebecca Berg Nancy Judge	Nancy Judge and Jay Neyenhouse	Vicki Smiglewski and Anessa Hileman	Jamie Rodemsky		Greg and Kristi Buchholz	Betty Jacobsen and Sue Hertless	Candace Bradley
EASTER 4/01	9:00	Bob Ripley	Mike Albrecht Caedmon Serrano	Donna Albrecht	Altar Guild	Caedmon Serrano	Elsie Welsh Heidi Moss Cindy Rogelstad	Ron and Mary Figueroa	Greg Buchholz and Ron Figueroa	Jamie Rodemsky		Rich and Connie Batchelder	Joe Carlson and Herb Yonge	John Mott

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 a.m. Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 10:15 Sunday School for all 10:15 a.m. Coffee (FH) 12:30 Lighthouse (FH)(#3) 6:00 p.m. NA Group (FH)			<b>GOOD FRIDAY *</b> 12:15 P.M. St. Bonaventure Ecumenical Service  7:00 p.m. Worship at GSLC	<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. Senior Food (FH) 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse (Rm.3) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. DVLC Part I Training (FH)
<b>4 LENT 3</b> 9:00 a.m. Schedule See above.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30 p.m. Book Club (FR)	<b>7</b> 6:30 P.M. Lent Soup Supper and Prayer 7:00 p.m. NA (CH)	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (FH) 10:00 a.m. DVLC Board 5:00 p.m. Finance Com 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse (Rm.3) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. DVLC Part 2 of 2 Training (FH)
<b>11 LENT 4</b> 9:00 a.m. Schedule See above.	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg. (FH)	<b>13</b> 10:30 a.m. Synod Chrism Mass (CH) followed by lunch (FH)	<b>14</b> 6:30 P.M. Lent Soup Supper and Prayer 7:00 p.m. NA (CH)	<b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. Senior Food (FH) 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse (Rm.3) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Friends Feeding Friends (Kitchen) 
<b>18 LENT 5</b> 9:00 a.m. Schedule See above.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Noon Leisure Lunch 7:00 p.m. Long Range Property Comm. (FH)	<b>21</b> 6:30 P.M. Lent Soup Supper and Prayer 7:00 p.m. NA (CH)	<b>22</b> 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse (Rm.3) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH)  <b>April Newsletter Articles Due Today</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study. 9:00 a.m. PREP FOR Palm Sunday
<b>25 HOLY WEEK</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 a.m. Schedule above.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	<b>29 Maundy Thur.</b>  <b>7:00 Worship Service</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Good Friday See schedule above.*</b>	<b>31</b>  Prep for Easter (CH) and Brunch (FH) Times TBD
CH = Church		FH = Fellowship Hall		FR = Fireside Room		

# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

## *2018 Executive Committee:*

**President:** Greg Buchholz, **Vice President:** Mark Deniston, **Secretary:** John Mott  
**Member-at-Large:** Candace Bradley

## *2018 Congregational Council*

Candace Bradley, Greg Buchholz, Adam Castle, Tyler Costa,  
Mark Deniston, Sue Hertless, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Tony Rogelstad

## *Ministry Staff:*

**Pastor:** Rev. Jeremy Serrano - rev@gsconcord.com  
**Office Administrator:** Laura Mott - lauramott@gsconcord.com  
**Organist:** Gloria Chuang  
**Interim Choir Director:** Emilie Patton  
**Contemporary Music Leader:** Tom Deans Flegel - tdeans08@gmail.com  
**Sound/Technology:** Jamie Rodemsky - jamier1263@gmail.com  
**Treasurer:** Laura Mott - lauramott@gsconcord.com  
**Financial Secretary:** Vicki Smiglewski

## *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church exists to **reach** out in Jesus name and **gather** in deep community,  
to **learn** and grow into God's Kingdom, to **serve** our neighbor  
and **worship** the creator.