

Shepherd's Voice

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Feeding bodies, minds, and souls...

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**Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church**
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Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.

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

Rev's Reflections

“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?” (Psalm 8:3-4).

Creation points beyond itself to something - or should I say someone - bigger.

The Psalmist recognizes here that the sky with the moon and the stars are not here just by chance, they are a work of art by a master artist. They have been lovingly formed for a purpose. And yet, with all the grandeur of creation, with the beauty of the ocean, and the redwoods, and the mountains, God has seen fit to include you in creation. You are a part of the majestic work of God's creation.

I often hear from people that they have a deep sense of connection when they're out in nature. In fact when asking people to name one of their spiritual discipline more than a few have named hiking. This is no surprise, we live in a God infused world.

But, at certain times it's difficult to recognize our place. We get bogged down with work, and routine, and apathy. Sometimes, it's hard for us to find our way, or plot a clear path.

When I find myself not sure what to do next, or feeling like I am lost, I remember creation and steep myself in it. I get my eyes on the ocean, my feet in the sand, or my head in the fog of a mountain. These places help me remember. In creation I can more easily recall that everything has a purpose and so do I—even if I'm not sure what it is at that moment. Creation points to the Master Artist who will reveal what you need. You are not here by chance. The same God who formed the stars and the moon created humanity. Just like they are beautiful and have a place within God's vast creation, so do you!

Peace.
Rev. J. Serrano

February Birthdays

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| Stacey Fassl | 01 |
| Andrew Harris | 03 |
| Larry Huddleston | 03 |
| Bobby Morgan | 06 |
| Renee Reis | 09 |
| Eric Batchelder | 11 |
| Vincent Batchelder | 12 |
| Kaden Kreutzinger | 13 |
| Benjamin Serrano | 13 |
| Ross Deniston | 15 |
| Kristina Costa | 19 |
| Christian Hein-Silva | 20 |
| David Henry | 20 |
| Doug Olson | 21 |
| Paul Clausen | 23 |
| Donna Albrecht | 26 |

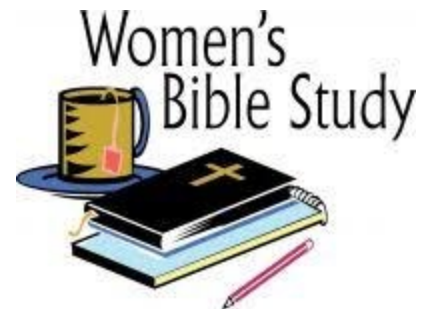


RUTH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Thursday,
February 13th at 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome and encouraged
to come.

Session 2 "WE ARE CALLED".

Coffee, tea & snacks will be enjoyed
before our study.

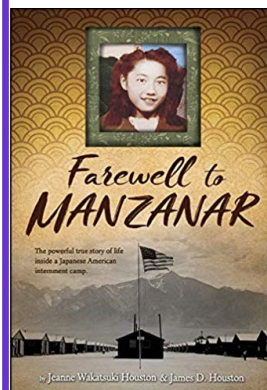


Our Lunch & Bible Study will **not** take place In February.
We will begin again on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 12:30pm
in the Office Conference Room.

BOOK CLUB REMEMBERS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WWII.

As the world remembers the end of WWII in 1945, we thought it would be appropriate to read a book about this time. *Farewell to Manzanar* is a memoir published in 1973 by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and her husband, James D. Houston.

Farewell to Manzanar is the true story of one spirited Japanese American family's attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention... and of a native-born American child who discovered what it was like to grow up behind barbed wire in the United States.



We will be meeting on March 24 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room for a lively discussion of this critically-acclaimed book. Members are invited to bring a book they would like to suggest for our May read. As always, guests are welcome!

Questions: Contact **Donna Albrecht**,
donna@albrechts.com

COUNCIL NEWS

On **Sunday, February 9**, during worship, we will be saying "Thank You" to our outgoing Council Members, Greg Buchholz, Tyler Costa, and Mark Deniston for sharing their time and talents with our church.

We will also be installing our new Council Members and we will promise to support and pray for them as they serve as leaders of the church.

Please join us for this important time in the life of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

There will be a cake reception after worship.

The Executive Committee of the 2020 Church Council will be made up of the following members:

Kristi Buchholz - **President**
 John Mott - **Vice President**
 Candace Bradley - **Secretary**
 Sue Hertless - **Member-at-Large**

Wedding Anniversaries

Happy
Valentine's
Day



Leisure Lunch

Hot Lunch
Fabulous Prizes
Terrific Friends
Great Time

Feb. 18 - Noon



Winter Nights 2020

Good Shepherd will co-host Winter Nights with the United Methodist Church from February 24th through March 9th.

We have 8 families who number 29 in the current program, 12 adults and 17 children. The families are asking for shampoo and conditioner (family size), baby wipes, diapers, and gas cards.

Additionally, we are asking for volunteers to come and play with the children, read stories, and help prepare meals.

Currently our days for preparing meals are: 2/24, 3/1, 3/5, 3/7, and 3/8. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex please sign up if available and interested.

Men's Breakfast and
Bible Study is 8:00 a.m.



Saturday, February 29
 All men are welcome.
 Office Conference Room

Ash Wednesday is just 3 weeks away

ALTHOUGH ASH WEDNESDAY IS A FEW
WEEKS AWAY, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR
LENT?

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 26
AT 7:00 P.M.**



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

**WALK THE JOURNEY
THROUGH LENT AND HOLY
WEEK WITH YOUR CHURCH
COMMUNITY**

From solemn Ash Wednesday, February 26
to joyous Easter Sunday, April 12
Journey through Lent and Holy Week with
your church family during **Sunday morning**
worship time.

Attend our special **Maundy Thursday**
worship in Fellowship Hall on April 9,
and **Good Friday**, April 10 in the sanctuary.

Clear your schedule as you are able,
and walk the journey with us.

**SOUP SUPPERS
WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING
MARCH 4**

A tasty tradition – come together with
friends for dinner, conversation and prayer.

It's free and anyone can attend.
Come once or better yet all 5 Wednesdays.

Our soup meal is 6:30 to 7:00 pm
followed by a prayer service 7-7:30pm.



**SHARE YOUR TIME,
TALENTS & TREASURE**

- * Come to the Lunch & Bible Study resuming Thur.,
12:30 p.m. March 5. in the Office Conference Room.
- * Volunteer to make a soup for our Soup Suppers.
- * Volunteer to help decorate the sanctuary for Lent,
Palm / Passion Sunday and / or Easter Sunday.
- * Bring some new stuffed animals for children in distress
- * Bring toiletries needed by homeless in our community
and distributed by Friends Feeding Friends.

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

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| 2561 | Families helped |
| 2798 | Bags of food distributed |
| 2784 | People helped with groceries |
| 210 | Hot Meals provided to Shelter Clients |

In January, we continued moving back into our food rooms after the flooring was installed. We assembled shelving and unpacked case after case of food. We still aren't finished but we are well on our way. Our Angel Bins shoe drive was a success!! We collected 607 pairs of shoes for needy folks here in the US and around the world and Angel Bins contributed \$504.01 for our fundraiser. Thank you to all who contributed!!! FFF is in need of travel size grooming supplies for our homeless friends. Donations can be left in the FFF bin in the church or in the office. This month, we furnished a number of Veterans and their families. We would like to say THANKS to all our volunteers. FFF couldn't help as many people as we do without all of you.

If you order on Amazon, don't forget to go to smile.amazon.com first and specify The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Concord. Amazon will make a contribution to FFF. And, now we have a Charity Wish List loaded to make it easier to shop and donate to FFF online.

You can contact us at friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com or friendsfeedingfriendsca@gmail.com We are also on the church website at <http://gsconcord.com/outreach-ministries/friends-feeding-friends/>

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Our volunteers are the heart and soul of FFF.
We are so grateful for all their dedicated hours.

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| <p>Worship Assistants February 16 through March 15, 2020</p> |
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February 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Coffee (FH) 12:30 Lighthouse (FH) & (#3) 6:00 p.m. NA Group (FH) | | | | | | 1 8:30am. District NA Gathering (FH) |
| 2 9:00 a.m. Schedule See above. | 3 | 4 | 5 7:00 p.m. NA (FH) | 6 9:00 a.m. Senior Food (FH) 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse (Rm.3) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) | 7 | 8 7:30 a.m. Brookside Meal Prep (Kitchen) |
| 9 8:00 a.m. Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. Schedule See above. | 10 5:00 p.m. Finance Mtg. (OCR) | 11 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (FH) | 12 8:00 a.m. FFF Cooking (Kit) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH) | 13 10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle 10:00 a.m. DVCL (Rm.3) 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) | 14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> | 15 9:00 a.m. Friends Feeding Friends (Kitchen) |
| 16 / 23 9:00 a.m. Schedule See above. | 17 / 24 President's Day Office Closed in observance.  | 18 / 25 Noon Leisure Lunch (FH) 7:00 p.m. Property Long Range (FH) | 19 / 26 Ash Wed. 7:00 p.m. NA (FH) 7:00 p.m. Ash Wed (CH) | 20 / 27 9:00 a.m. Senior Food (FH) 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Church (Rm.3) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) | 28 | 29 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study. (Kitchen) |
| CH = Church | FH = Fellowship Hall | FR = Fireside Room | OCF = Office Conference Room | | | |

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2020 Executive Committee:

President: Kristi Buchholz, **Vice President:** John Mott, **Secretary:** Candace Bradley
Member-at-Large: Sue Hertless

2020 Congregational Council

Candace Bradley, Kristi Buchholz, Mike Henry,
Sue Hertless, Nancy Judge, John Mott, Jay Neyenhouse, Renee Reis, Tony Rogelstad

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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.