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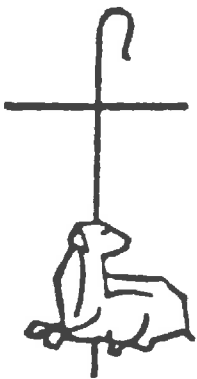
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APRIL 2019

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE—APRIL 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 8:00 AM—LSB Setting 3/Communion
(Apr 7-14-28)
- 7:00 AM—LSB Setting 1-Sunrise Communion-(April 21)
- 9:15 AM-Sunday School
(No Sunday School April 21)
- 10:30 AM-LSB Setting 3/Communion
(April 7-14-28)
- 10:30 AM LSP Setting 1-Festal Communion-(April 21)

OTHER WORSHIP TIME:

- WEDNESDAY-April 3, 10, Lenten Vespers 7:00 PM
(Soup Supper starts at 6:00 PM)

OTHER APRIL EVENTS:

- TUESDAY-Ladies Lunch 11:30 AM
- WEDNESDAY-Ladies Bible Study 10:00 AM
- THURSDAY-AI Anon-11:00 AM
- APR 1-April Fool's Day
- APR 6-**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY** 8:00 AM
(rain date Apr 13)
- APR 7-Monthly Pot-Luck Dinner 12:00 noon
- APR 7-Adult Catechism-6:30 PM
- APR 9-Board of Elders-6:30 PM
- APR 13-Hooks & Needles-9:00 AM
- APR 16-Communion at Haywood Estates 3:30 PM
- APR 29-Bible Study New Class Begins 7:00 PM

REMINDER: You can read the QUILL and calendar (in living color) on line at lcgs.org

QUILL DEADLINE: —APRIL 21-

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Thank you.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**APRIL 14-PALM -PASSION SUNDAY
-8:00 & 10:30 AM**

**APRIL 15, 16, 17-VESPERS OF HOLY WEEK
—7:00 PM**

**APRIL 18-HOLY-MAUNDY THURSDAY
(Communion)
-12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM**

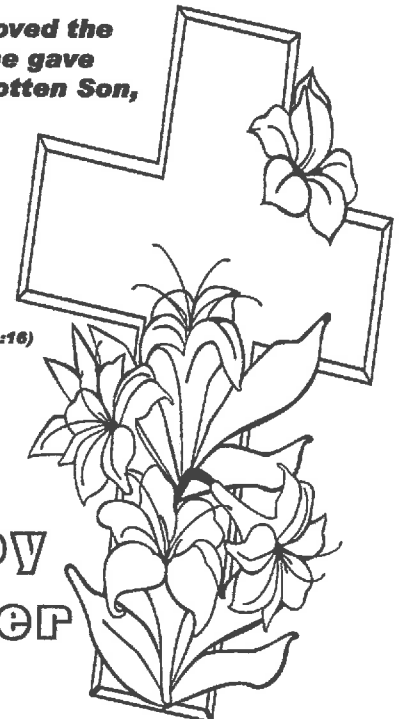
**APRIL 19-GOOD FRIDAY-
WAY OF CROSS—
12:00 NOON & 3:00 PM
MUSIC INTERLUDE-7:30 PM
SERVICE OF TENEBRAE—8:00 -PM**

**APRIL 20-HOLY SATURDAY-GREAT VIGIL —
8:00 PM**

**APRIL 21-RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
(EASTER)- (Communion)
SUNRISE SERVICE 7:00 AM**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)



**Happy
Easter**



March 2019

Friends and Members of the Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd,

While most of us would agree that the Christian Faith which we confess together concerns new life with God more than a *new religion*, too many of us have relegated our worship life to the American convenience of a *Sunday only* occurrence.

As **Holy Week of 2019** approaches, I want to challenge you to experience the **Paschal mystery* of Holy Week and Easter in a new way by setting aside time for worship and devotion for *the entirety of Holy Week*, from **April 14** through **April 21**. Holy Week is *the* most sacred time on the liturgical calendar of our Church Year. From Palm-Passion Sunday through Easter Sunday, our congregation will gather no less than *thirteen times* to commemorate the great acts of God for us in the Passion, Cross and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While I realize that it is not possible for many of you to be present for every Service on every day of Holy Week, I also believe –“*Let us attend!*”- that for any Lutheran Christian to remain at home watching TV (or engaging in any other recreational or worldly and inane activity) because the Services of Holy Week are “optional” is *inexcusable* for a Lutheran Christian!

To be clear, I am *not* suggesting or teaching that attendance at daily Services of Holy Week are either mandatory or to be relied upon as “good works” for one’s salvation. As your Pastor, I *am saying* (and teaching) that the Christian life into which you have been Baptized includes sacrifice and the setting aside of time for the observance of specific holy days. This is a discipline which is undertaken to enable all who confess Christ to enter more deeply into the faith which emerges from the holy wonder and awe of God’s Word-and-Sacrament acts of salvation for all sinners!

Over the years, about 20-30 members of our congregation have designated the time to attend *all* of the daily Services scheduled for Holy Week (except for the repeated Service of Maundy Thursday and the Good Friday *Way of the Cross*). That has involved the effort to schedule **nine** Services *in one’s daily calendar* and quite a commitment of time. Nearly each person who has done so has shared with me how they experienced an enriched and deeper faith-understanding of Easter. I believe that happened because the Services of Holy Week, especially the *Triduum+*, are sequentially built upon each previous Service, and in themselves, enable faithful Christians to “remember” our Lord’s passion, death and resurrection as if we actually participate in all of them! Ours is *not* a comfortable or “spectator” faith!

While I realize that some will ignore this pastoral appeal, I also believe that I am responsible to guide, warn and admonish you as members of the congregation. The days of Holy Week are set-apart, precisely that you might walk with our Lord in the Way of His Cross and at the end, be renewed in the joy of His life and resurrection!

Please prayerfully “*read, mark and inwardly digest*” this pastoral appeal to make the intentional effort to schedule and attend the 2109 Services of Holy Week. A *minimum attendance* would include the daily Services of **Holy-Maundy Thursday** through **Easter Sunday morning** (four days in a row).

Submitted in Christ,
Pr. Steve +

*the marvel that the sinless, all powerful and eternal Son of God would voluntarily give Himself over to sinners and submit to arrest, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection for their salvation.

+ the “*three days*” time period from sundown on **Maundy Thursday** until the Lord’s Day morning of the **Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord**. These include the Services of Good Friday and Holy Saturday.



Holy Week



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 14-APRIL 21, 2019



April 14: Palm Sunday-8:00 & 10:30 AM

First day of Holy Week. A day of triumph and tragedy when we observe both Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem as well as his death on the cross. We meet at **8:00 and 10:30 AM**



April 15, 16, 17—Vespers of Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

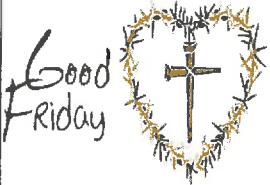
We will hold Vesper Services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting at **7:00 PM** with readings from Gospel Passion accounts (St. Matthew, St. Mark, & St. John.) Join us for an evening, or all three as we continue our journey with Christ to his death and resurrection.



Maundy Thursday

April 18-Maundy Thursday 12:00 Noon or 7:00 PM

Maundy is from a Latin word Mandatum meaning command. Jesus said at the Last Supper "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34). Join us at **12:00 noon** or **7:00 PM** for the traditional Maundy Service with Holy Communion, and the ritual stripping of the altar.



April 19- Good Friday 12:00 Noon, 3:00 PM, 8:00 PM

The Way of the Cross with Litany at 12:00 noon and 3:00 PM . Sacred Music Interlude beginning at 7:30 PM. Tenebrae Vespers will begin at 8:00 PM. The most solemn day of the church year. The day of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.



**EASTER
VIGIL**

April 20- The Great Vigil of Easter. 8:00 PM

We go from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of the Resurrection. The Vigil consists of three parts-Service of Light, Service of readings, and Service of Holy Baptism,



April 21- Easter-7:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Day of Resurrection. Day of the Empty Tomb. The main service of the entire Church Year. Holy Communion is always celebrated on Easter Sunday. We begin at **7:00 AM** with Sunrise Service. **Breakfast** will be served from **8:15** to 10:00 AM and the Festival Holy Communion service at **10:30 AM** .



Easter craft for elementary Sunday School classes: Resurrection gardens to be used as Easter breakfast centerpieces

In order to emphasize the resurrection in our Easter décor LCGS elementary SS classes (ages 4 to pre-Confirmation, less the 2 First Communicants still meeting) will make Easter gardens for use as centerpieces at our Easter breakfast. The children can take them home afterward - or gift them to other members of the congregation. Joanna Jones (who is also current President of the Greer Primrose Garden Club) has graciously agreed to guide this project outside

(weather permitting) on Sun 4/7/19 at 9:15am (and maybe continuing 4/14). Teachers will help as well - and plan on time for a short lesson when Joanna goes to choir rehearsal. Parents, please have your children wear aprons over dress clothes (or something you don't mind getting a little dirty), and meet us on the fellowship hall patio then!

If anyone has easy access to rocks (large or small), please bring them to Joanna Jones or Jennifer Johnson. Thanks!

ONCE-A-MONTH-POT-LUCK: The Monthly Pot-Luck for April will be held Sunday, April 7, 2019, after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. This is your opportunity to become acquainted with those you see every Sunday but haven't taken the time to chat with them.

Please sign the sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex so the crew knows how many to prepare for.

Easter Breakfast

will be served from **8:15-10:00am on Easter Sunday.**
Egg casserole, coffee and juice are all provided.
Please sign up on the bulletin board to
bring pastry/baked good or fruit to share.

Also, you are asked to **contribute 30 minutes of your time** that morning **to serve** your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ by making coffee, pouring juice, etc., **Please help clean up afterwards so those serving may attend the service.** Many hands make light work and this is always an enjoyable way to serve.



AFTER THE SOLEMNITY OF THE LENTEN SEASON, FLOWERS ARE ONCE AGAIN USED IN THE CHANCEL.

Flowers are symbolic of Joyfulness and are an expression of the goodness and beauty of creation. There are many openings on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board. Consider donating an arrangement to bring beauty to our worship. Simply pick a date, or two or three, and write your name on the chart by that date. Also put the reason for the donation. Kathy Washington orders the arrangements from Barrett's Florist. You will be billed by the florist, the charge is still \$35; please pay the florist directly. The arrangements may be picked up any time after the late service. Please leave the ceramic vases as they are property of Altar Guild and reused for each arrangement. If you want special flowers, please notify Kathy several weeks before the date.

There is still time to sign up for an Easter Lily. See the sheet on the bulletin board.



HOOKS & NEEDLES is a group of dedicated knitters, crocheters, and stitchers who create items for those in need in our community. Work is done throughout the month at home, but we gather the second Saturday of each month to collect items and have fellowship and encouragement with one another. All who are interested in this ministry are very welcome to join us! We provide yarn, material, hooks, instructions, patterns, coffee, snacks - you provide the willing hands. Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, April 13th, 9:00-11:00am** in the Fellowship Hall.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (or LWML) will meet on **Sunday, April 28th at 9:15am** in the Sanctuary. LWML is the official women's auxiliary arm of LC-MS. This amazing group of women strive to be the hands and feet of Christ in our congregation and community. Although we often take the "Martha" role in many ways, we also keep our focus on being "Mary", too. Bible study and prayer are an important part of our group. All confirmed women in the congregation are eligible to join LWML and we would love for you to come be "Mary" and "Martha" with us. No sign up - just show up!



LUTHERAN LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies, if you like to try different restaurants but don't like to eat alone, consider joining us every Tuesday at 11:30. Enjoy good food, good friends, and good fun. Please let **Karen Meyer at 292-0295** know you will be joining us so we can get a table to seat everyone.

- April 2-Outback Steakhouse-21 Orchard Park Drive
- April 9-Viva Villa Mexican Grill-3717 E North Street
- April 16-Cracker Barrel-1134 Woodruff Road
- April 23-Grill Marks-Haywood Mall next to Penney's
- April 30-Bleu Porch Kitchen-302 N Main Street, Greer

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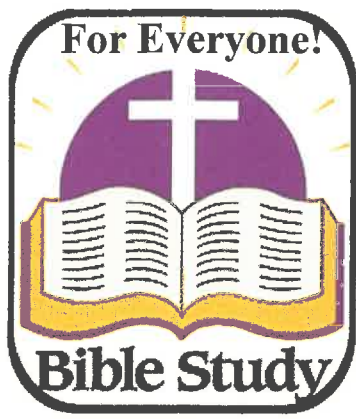
The LWML Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, August 31st. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please keep us in mind. Collection of items will begin on June 2nd, as soon as children's weekly Sunday School is completed. The collection site will be the last classroom on the right, upper level of the Fellowship Hall. A sign will be on the door.

2019 High School Graduates.

If your high school student is graduating this June and would like to be included in the **LCGS reception** being held after the **10:30 Service on May 19th** please email Amy Dammers at ajdammers@att.net. The students will also be called forward during the service on May 19th and receive a special blessing from Pastor Saxe.

I need to hear from you as soon as possible in order for your child to be included.





MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

Beginning **Monday, April 29**, the Monday Night Bible Study will examine the catholic and historic beliefs concerning the 2nd coming of Christ as we study the pamphlet "A Lutheran Response to the 'Left Behind' Series." We who live in the buckle of the "Bible Belt" will learn how faith comprehends the Scriptural revelation of "end time events" as centered upon Christ and His promise; not from current events as fulfillment or prophecy or based on our "decision."

A signup sheet is posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

LADIES #1 BIBLE STUDY

Lent is truly a wonderful season as we prepare for the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ. AND a perfect time for our ladies' Bible study in the book of Isaiah. We have just finished Isaiah 53 - the Suffering Servant. I'm wondering how often I thank Jesus for His incredible suffering on my behalf so that He received the wrath of God, not me, and clothed me instead in His righteousness.

Come join us...there's still time to bask in the truth of Jesus' sacrifice and the joy of knowing it was all due to His love for you!

Each **Wednesday morning 10-11:30** in our church fellowship facility downstairs.

We are in His Grip
Diana

CREATION STUDY GROUP: The Creation Study Group of Greenville conducts weekly study groups to review science topics including astronomy, genetics, geology, biology, cosmology, archeology, and special, focused topics such as radiometric dating and biomolecular machines, from a Biblical world view.

TUESDAYS 7:00 PM at Sticky Fingers restaurant-3 Market Point Drive (off Woodruff Road). Come early for Informal discussion and dinner.

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

See Tom Pender for details—828-527-3869,

New 2-3 year old Sunday School class



Leigh Ann Bockle has volunteered to begin a new toddler class in service to the growing young families of the congregation, to begin April 7, 2019 at 915am. She writes, "The goal of the 2-3 year old Sunday School is not only to introduce the little ones to Sunday School but also to provide parents with an opportunity to attend Adult Sunday School. We hope to start the students in learning the creeds, commandments, and hymns of the church as they get the wiggles out before

service."

We need a rotation of assistant teachers so that no one person has to miss adult class every week. If you're interested in helping, please see her or Jennifer Johnson. Thanks!

STEPHEN MINISTRIES COMES TO GOOD SHEPHERD

With so many going through grief, divorce, job loss, illness, and other challenges, our congregation has a unique opportunity to reach out to them with Christ's care.

Started by the LCMS in 1975, more than 13,000 congregations have turned to Stephen Ministry as a way to equip their members with well-trained lay caregivers to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

We ask that you pray about whether God is calling you to this ministry to the hurting. Once trained, you will only be required to give one hour every other week.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2.

Questions? See or contact Pastor, Emme Gannon, or Kristen DiLorenzo.



New Library Additions

Four new books have been recently been added to the Library.
Come on in and check them out!
Here's what's new:

Disappointment with God, by Philip Yancy

Is God unfair? Is God silent? Is God hidden? Yancy poses these three questions of the knotty issues of faith. This book points to the odd disparity between our concept of God and the realities of life. Yancy responds to these questions with clarity, honesty, and biblical assurance.

Your God is Too Glorious, by Chad Bird

A former LCMS pastor and professor, Bird has written what it means to be one of God's people. 'Most of us lead radically ordinary lives- and they're the kind of lives God gets excited about'. When the world chases beauty and power and wealth, God hides his glory in the simple, the mundane, and the foolish. In our day of celebrity worship and online posturing, this is a refreshing, even transformative way of understanding God and our place in His creation. It urges us to treasure a life of simplicity, to love those whom the world passes by, to work for God's glory rather than our own. And it reminds us that while a quiet life may look unimpressive to the world, it's the regular, everyday people whom God tends to use to do his most important work.

The World Jesus Knew, by Seth Pollinger

A compelling fictional narrative that rapidly brings to light the developing cultures throughout the first century AD. Experience the heart of Jerusalem from the perspective of major and minor characters mentioned in the Bible while Jesus lived his last days on Earth.

The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi, by Kathie Lee Gifford

Based on Jeremiah 6:16, and as a lifelong student of the Scriptures, Gifford has always desired a deeper understanding of God Himself. But it wasn't until she began studying the biblical texts in their original Hebrew and Greek-along with actually hiking the ancient paths of Israel-that she found the fulfillment of those desires

No matter what you think of Gifford, this is a truly wonderful book! I felt that I was traveling along with her seeing Jesus and his Disciples. The added commentary by Rabbi Jason Sobbel, brought it all together for me. This book imbued me with a greater understanding of the Bible and our Lord, Jesus Christ. LW

GET INVOLVED!

There are opportunities for everyone to become involved in the work of our congregation. Here are a few ideas.



TRUSTEES have scheduled our annual **SPRING CLEANING**, inside and out, for **SATURDAY, APRIL 6** beginning at **8:00 AM**. Come and help make our church and grounds look great!

(Rain date will be April 13, 2019).

Reminder: ORGAN PRACTICE IS HELD SATURDAYS BETWEEN 5:00 & 6:30 pm. The Sanctuary is not available for use during this period of time.

MAINTENANCE: If you notice something around the outside or inside of the church that may need some attention for maintenance or repair or the attention of a "Mr. Fix-it-man", please leave a note in the Vice-President Mail Box in the Church Work Room.

CHOIR: Music always adds to a worship experience. Our choir is in need of additional voices (especially tenors), There are volunteers to provide child-care on-site during rehearsals. Consider committing an hour of your time on Wednesday evenings (7:40 pm) to help continue bringing the Word of God to our congregation through our great Lutheran choral heritage. See Jenine Bristol or Jim

SEND CARDS: Send a Card of Compassion for holidays and birthdays to those incarcerated. There is a list of names and addresses plus birthdates on the table under the bulletin board. Religious cards are greatly appreciated as well as a brief message and/or bible verse. This may be the only mail some receive. Cards for Easter would be well received.

PROVIDE FOR NEEDS:

PRISON MINISTRY: provides needed personal items to these men. We collect: Bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and stick deodorant. There is a basket under the table in the Narthex for these items.

UNITED MINISTRIES: Closer home we work with United Ministries by providing volunteers and needed food for their food pantry. Remember our slogan: **EVERYONE BRING ONE**. Just one can per person can make a difference. Any non-perishable items are accepted, such as peanut butter, canned meats, rice, cereals, pastas, soups, etc. Sweets are also welcome like individual packets of cookies or granola bars. You have Easter Candy you want to get out of the house, put it in the United Ministries box. They would welcome it.

SOME ITEMS ON UNITED MINISTRIES LIST:

CANNED FRUIT; BEEF STEW; CANNED TUNA; MACKEREL; TREET; RAMEN NOODLES; CANNED SOUP; CEREAL; GRITS; SALTINES; PEANUTBUTTER; MAC & CHEESE; CANNED POTATOES; CANNED GREEN BEANS; CANNED GREEN PEAS, CANNED CORN; MIXED VEGETABLES; DRIED BEANS; RICE; CANNED PASTA; POWDERED MILK

TOTE BAGS AND GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.

DATE	OCCASION	TIME	#	TIME	#	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING
Feb 17	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	47	10:30 AM	96	145	
Feb 24	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	47	10:30 AM	127	170	4547.00
Mar 3	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	49	10:30 AM	130	179	7458.02
Mar 5	SHROVE TUES.			7:00 PM	17	17	
Mar 6	ASH WED. 12:00 Noon		40	7:00 PM	88	128	
Mar 10	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	43	10:30 AM	113	156	9214.00
Mar 13	WEDNESDAY			7:00 PM	70	70	
Mar 17	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	56	10:30 AM	145	201	5298.00
Mar 20	WEDNESDAY			7:00 PM	74	74	
Mar 24	SUNDAY	8:00 AM	40	10:30 AM			
Mar 27	WEDNESDAY			7:00 PM			

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: INVITE SOMEONE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE SERVICES.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

**SUNDAY-APRIL 14: PALM SUNDAY....
First day of HOLY WEEK**

Passion Services at **8:00** and **10:30 AM** with communion

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