

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
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April 2021

*Our Mission: "To Know, Live and Share God's Word"*

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## *The Shepherd's Voice*

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4/1	Brody Rubincam	4/19	Harper Tebay
4/3	Ethan Charest		Robert Martz
4/4	Heidi Marcelli		Mike Mentzer
	Heather Geary	4/21	Alexander Gill
4/5	Pearse McGeehan		Ivette Castro-Hetzel
	Lisa Verdich	4/22	Joshua Panning
	Dominiquitak Odida		Charlotte Mitchell
	Katie Eagles		Sally Breuninger
	Myra Matukaitis		Ricky Ritter
4/8	Xylia Brown	4/23	Jeannette Martz
	Frances Browne	4/24	Dan Herr
	Donald Althouse		John DiOttavio
4/9	Roberta McLaughlin	4/25	Brent Douty
4/11	Hayley Bertoni		Carol Grow
4/12	Hank Panning	4/26	Pam Taylor
	Jeannie Dunn	4/27	Beth Fisher
4/14	Shane Zaplitny		Agnes Dorley
4/15	Kristin Hudak		Chase Eisenhower
	Kimberly Wilgis		Lansana Fofanah
4/16	Bill McAdoo	4/28	Dylan Kuhn
	Jennifer Florschutz		Martha Chan
4/17	Carol Bisignaro	4/29	Linkin Wills
	Eli Matukaitis	4/30	Donna Watters
			Michael Raytik, Jr.

4/1	Betty Lou & Robert Flinn	54 yrs.
4/5	Ron & Debbie Sweigart	46 yrs.
4/11	Reuben & Betty Williams	4 yrs.
4/20	Carol & Dwain Thomas	19 yrs.
4/25	Donna & Ed Watters	29 yrs.



### Giving

Please remember to continue to give financially to Good Shepherd. We still have to pay the mortgage and other bills. Please continue to give and support our ministries during this time so that our ministries continue and are ready to bounce back once the concern is over. There are two easy ways to give electronically. Go to our website [www.luthgoodshep.org](http://www.luthgoodshep.org), and sign up for electronic giving under the "Giving" tab.

Also, by opening the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code below, it will prompt you to open a website and enter a secure payment.



### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a member of Thrivent? You may have unused Choice Dollars! Choice Dollars can be designated to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Another great way to keep our ministries going! Check with your Thrivent Representative for more information.

## *Pastor's Page*

Resurrection, Spring, and New Beginnings! As we enter into the season of Easter this year (as we do every Spring), there is an added sense of hopefulness. As the Coronavirus vaccines become more available and as more and more people get vaccinated, there is a sense of optimism about our daily lives emerging. After the last year, we are ready to gather, to see one another, and to hug our loved ones. This Easter, many folks feel like we are moving out of a time of fear and way too much death, and moving into a time of hope.

The last year has taught us many things. We all (even our kids!) had to completely restructure our day to day lives. We had to think deeply on how our choices affected our communal welfare. We learned to bake bread, make masks, and how to meet on Zoom.

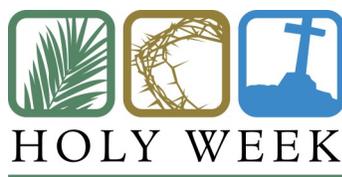
One of the interesting things I heard during this pandemic, particularly from parents, was that people were finally getting some much needed down time. Families were sitting down together for dinner, not once or twice a week, but EVERY night. These were stories of BLESSINGS received in a time when life was turned upside down. There was a recognition that pre-pandemic, we over scheduled, did too much, and failed to find our Sabbath time.

As I heard these thoughts recounted from a number of Good Shepherd members, I was reminded of those times during my teen and college years when my mother wisely said to me, "You can do anything. But you cannot do everything, especially in a single week, month, or year. You have to choose and make decisions about what is important to you." As we begin to emerge from these pandemic restrictions, it is my hope that we remember what we have learned. It is my hope that our return to "normal life" will not be to lives that are rushed, chaotic, and chronically overscheduled.

This time in the church year is one when we contemplate the meaning of the words "New Life" and "Abundant Life." Reformatting our lives so that we have adequate time for rest, relaxation, and renewal is one way to live into these concepts that are built on God's grace. My prayer for each of us is that we find a more balanced way to live in the months to come.

And as we celebrate Christ's resurrection this spring, may we always find time to lift up songs of Alleluia!

*Pastor Susan*



### **Holy Week Worship Schedule:**

**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday:** 12:00 pm In Person Service/Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Facebook Live Service

**Easter Sunday:** 9:00 am In Person Service/Sanctuary  
9:00 am Facebook Live Service  
10:30 am Parking Lot Service (Upper Lot)



# Happy Easter!



## Financial update— February 2021

**Receipts:** Total Current Receipts through February 2021 were up by (+1.3%) compared to February 2020. Adult Receipts (pledged giving) was up (+7.9%), with Other Adult Receipts up (+9.2%). Hall Donations/Rental Fees were down (-6.5%), while Mortgage Receipts were down by (-50.9%).

**Expenses:** Expenses through February 2021 decreased by (-13.8%) compared to the same period in 2020. Decreased expenditures were noted for most of the current expense categories.

## Prayer Chain

If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for your need, contact Muriel @ 484-784-5418. She will let the members know and they will pray for you. All prayer requests will be kept completely confidential unless you specify otherwise. Please also consider joining the Prayer Chain.



Thank you to all who are willing to be part of this ministry.

## L.I.F.T. (Living and Learning in Faith Together)

The LIFT team will continue to offer an online LIFT service biweekly this Fall. The service is pre-recorded and posted to YouTube so that you can tune at your leisure. During our LIFT services, we learn the stories of the Bible and connect those stories to our lives. These sessions are interactive and include activities to help draw conclusions about what these stories mean for us. If you are interested in being a part of our LIFT services, please email Erin Kauppila at [LIFT@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:LIFT@luthgoodshep.org) for more information.

## Good Shepherd Food Ministries – Thank You for Your Ongoing Support!

Many grateful thanks to our Good Shepherd congregation for their faithful support of our food ministries. So many of you have helped with much-needed food donations, while others have assisted with transportation, food shopping, and Blessings Box maintenance. We also sincerely thank our community supporters – Good Shepherd’s neighbors, Good Shepherd’s Scout troops, Rosebud’s Daycare, Olivet United Methodist Church, Grocery Outlet Bargain Market, retired Friendship Elementary schoolteachers group, Coatesville Lions, and others! Finally, big thanks to Thrivent for their generous Action Team grants which allow us to make timely food purchases. **Thank You All!**

## Spring into Food Donations for Blessings Box and Food Table!

Our Blessings Box continues to be heavily used by our congregation & community. Currently, we have great need for the following items: boxed breakfast cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, instant potatoes, peanut butter, high-protein canned items (tuna, chicken, stews, soups, Beefaroni, etc), and wrapped/boxed unused personal care items including women’s sanitary products, toothpaste, deodorants, baby products, etc. Place items directly in the Blessings Box, or in the coolers under the portico. Please – no glass jars! And, canned vegetables are not needed at this time! Grateful thanks for your ongoing support!



**Do you need food, or help purchasing food?** Good Shepherd has our food table and a supply of frozen meats (chicken and beef), as well as gift cards available to anyone who needs it. If your family needs food, please call Karen White at 610-662-4010. If you get Karen’s voice mail LEAVE A MESSAGE with your name and phone number. You can make arrangements for you to meet her at church to get what you need. If you have food that you want to donate to our food table, please call Karen about that too so you can also meet at church. *Thank you all, Karen, Heather, Roberta, Betsy, Pam*

**Our Food Table:** Social Ministry has identified the items that we need for the families we provide food for. They are: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, beans, rice, canned tuna and chicken, cereal and canned vegetables. These items can be used on an emergency need basis and to supplement the Giant gift cards we can share. We have a large blue tub under the portico for donations.

**Matthew 28:6 6**

*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.  
Come and see the place where he lay.*



**March 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd</b>  <b>107 S. 17th Ave., Coatesville, PA 19320</b>  <b>610-384-2035</b>  <b>www.luthgoodshep.org</b>  <b>Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 9:00 am-1:00 pm</b></p>				<p><b>1 Maundy Thursday</b>                      12 pm Maundy Thursday                      Worship/Fellowship Hall                       7pm Maundy Thursday                      Worship/Facebook Live</p>	<p><b>2 Good Friday</b>                      12pm Good Friday                      Worship/Fellowship Hall                       7pm Good Friday                      Worship/Facebook Live</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4 Easter Sunday</b>                      9am Worship in Sanctuary                      9am Facebook Live Worship                      10:30am Parking Lot                      Worship(Upper Lot)</p>	<p><b>5 Office Closed</b>                      7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b>                      9am Worship in Sanctuary                      9am Facebook Live Worship                      10:30am Parking Lot                      Worship(Upper Lot)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>                      7:15pm Property Mtg.                       7:15 pm Confirmation                      Class/ZOOM</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b>                      9am Worship in Sanctuary                      9am Facebook Live Worship                      10:30am Parking Lot                      Worship(Upper Lot)</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      7:15pm ZOOM Council Mtg.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>                      7:15 pm Confirmation                      Class/ZOOM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b>                      9am Worship in Sanctuary                      9am Facebook Live Worship                      10:30am Parking Lot                      Worship(Upper Lot)</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>