



Mews of the Flock

From the Pastor ~ ~

“Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, ... and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.”

—MATTHEW 26:36–37

Happy Easuter! He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

The word *Gethsemane* means “an oil press.” When olives are harvested, they are squeezed under an enormous revolving stone that mashes the fruit to pulp and recovers the valuable oil.

In the garden of Gethsemane, the wheel of humiliation and death would squeeze Jesus to the point of His greatest agony, so He pleaded with His Father for release—but only if it were the Almighty’s will.

God did not grant release, for there was no other way for our just and loving God to deal with our sins. Sin must be punished. If God were simply to forgive our sins without

judging them, then there would be no justice, no accountability for wrongdoing. God would not be truly holy and just. Sometimes I think we forget that to have our sins forgiven, Jesus had to take the punishment for each one of them.

But if God were simply to judge us for our sins as we deserve, there would be no hope of salvation for any of us. His love would have failed to provide what we need. We would be truly be hopeless if salvation depended on us doing enough good deeds to earn our way to heaven.

The cross was the only way to resolve the problem of sin. At the cross God’s love and justice came together. Jesus took the punishment we deserved, and now we are clothed in His perfect righteousness. We will enjoy heaven because of what He did for us.

Pastor Daene



New Members Class starts on April 26, 2026

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

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Special points of interest:

- *Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026*
- *Easrwe Breakfast from 8:30—9:30 a.m.*
- *Easter Festival Service 10:00 a.m.*
- *New Members Class starts April 26*
- *Confirmation May 3rd*

Church Council Highlights ~~

Church Council met on March 8, 2026 with the following Council Members present: Carla Cole, Kevin Weber, Doug Stahl, Pastor Daene, Pat Haugh, Heidi Baca, Johannah Pollert, Larry Hill, Linda Boxdorfer, Amy Houck, and Rose Krimmel. Those absent: Randy Powers.

Pat brought the meeting to order and asked Pastor to say a prayer.

Johannah presented the minutes from our February meeting and after discussion they were approved by vote.

Rose presented the Financial Secretary report. The offerings and other income for February was \$24,001.69 of which \$6,050.00 was for the Roof Fund. Total offerings for budget expenses \$17,951.69.

Larry stated the expenses for February were \$11,719.37.

Pastor stated he had four service; eight Bible studies/other classes; one member

visit; 3 Shut-in visits; 6 Counseling sessions 8 Hospital visits; 2 Confirmation classes; and two court attendances. The Confirmation Class is studying the salvation work of Jesus. We have a couple with two children who will be taking the new member classes. Pastor will have hip surgery on April 10. Pastor Morrow will be filling in for him on the 12th & 19th.

Kevin, Deacon Chair stated he would like someone to step up and help play the music on Sundays. If you are interested talk to him to learn the particulars.

Carla, Trustee Chair being new to this position, Doug mentioned that Troy had arranged for the snow to be plowed for the next 2 years and the lady that cleans the kitchen and restrooms once a month will be doing that on the d Saturday.

Heidi, Christian Education, reported they were studying the meaning of Easter. Confirmation will be May 3rd.

Stewardship Chair—Vacant, we need someone to fill this position.

Linda, Missions, reported that she had sent Valentine cards to the Shut-ins. Amy went with her to visit Sylvia on February 13th. Donna & Jim visited Eleanor Coner at Compass Park on February 16th. Linda also visited with Helen and Vic on the 28th. Ed Morrow and Pastor Melvin also had visited them. We had a Mission Meeting on March. Those attended were Ed Morrow, Donna Jones and Linda Boxdorfer. Ed presented an economical plan for mailing Easter Cards inviting 200 close residents to attend Easter Service.

Amy, reported that LWGS is trying to keep Fellowship running but we need a volunteer to take over this position.

The meeting was closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

LWGS

Hello Ladies ~~

LWGS is planning a Movie Night on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. We will have snacks to share. More info will be passed along in the bulletin. On May 11, we will have our yearly Ladies Night Out at 6:00 pm at Olive Garden in Greenwood. Carpool from the church will leave at 5:30 pm sharp if you need a ride. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board around the end of April. Our next meeting is April 13 in the Conference Room. All women of GSLC are invited to attend.

Bible Readings for April ~~

Apr 1—2 Chronicles 6-7, Psalm 136; Apr 2—1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8; Apr 3—Proverbs 25-26; Apr 4—Proverbs 27=29; Apr 5—Ecclesiastes 1-9; Apr 6—Ecclesiastes 7=12; Apr 7—1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chronicles 9; Apr 8—Proverbs 30-31; Apr 9—1 Kings 12-14; Apr 10—2 Chronicles 10-12; Apr 11—2 Chronicles 13-16, 1 Kings 15:1-24; Apr 12—2 Chronicles 17, 1 Kings 15:25-16:34; Apr 13—1 Kings 17-19; Apr 14—1 Kings 20-21; Apr 15—2 Chronicles 18, 1 Kings 22; Apr 16—2 Chronicles 19-23; Apr 17—Obadiah 1,

Psalm 82-83; Apr 18 2 Kings 1-4; Apr 19—2 Kings 5-8; Apr 20—2 Kings 9-11; Apr 21—2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24; Apr 22—2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25; Apr 23—Jonah 1-4; /Apr 24—2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26; Apr 25—Isaiah 1-4; Apr 26—Isaiah 5-8; Apr 27—Amos 1-5; Apr 28—Amos 6-9; Apr 29—2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12; Apr 30—Micah 1-7.



Care & Concern ~~



Sympathy and Prayers: To Helen Rinehart & family on the passing of Vic on March 9th. Also, to Ruth Shores and Cindy Kessler on the passing of their mother Sylvia on

March 19th. To family of Jim Wurster who passed away on April 1st. To Eleanor & JD and Michelle Coner on the passing of JD's sister and Michelle's Aunt.

Remember in your Prayers: Tonia Aldin, Alzheimer's; Shirley Newkirk, stage y kidney cancer; Jill Abbott, strength & healing; riend of Rebekah Haugh that she & her husband be blessed with a child; Bill Puntney, strength & healing; Carla Herron, comfort & healing; Mark Ploss, healing, strength & comfort; Sarah Hendricks, strength & healing; Donna Crover, healing & comfort; Friend of Abby Powers, Hodgkin's Lymphoma; Lyn Jenkins, relief of pain; P.J. Benson, cancer; Bret Harrell, cancer treatment;

Mary Carter, Healing & comfort; Linda Nentrup, healing & comfort; Jon Clark, healing & comfort; Craig Fouts, stage 4 lung cancer; Steve Compton, strength & healing; Brandon Rice, brain tumor; Isch family, prayers in their time of need; Raymond Kinnan, strength, comfort & patience; Gerda Martin, health issues; Julie Ploss, strength, healing & comfort; Eleanor Coner, strength & comfort; Debbie Houck, form of Lou Gehrig disease.

**** Please let the office know of any changes to their status. Thank you

Thank you ~~

I would like to thank all those who expressed their sympathy to me with their kind words, prayers, cards and memorials during Vic's passing. Also thank you to LWGS ladies for the delicious meal served at that time. Good Shepherd has been a blessing to me and my family.

In Christian Love,

Helen
Rinehart



Thank you ~~

Thank you to all those who purchased Easter Lilies to decorate the Chancel.



We hope you will take them home to enjoy.

Amy Houck, Austin Riggs, Gerald Daene, Linda Unsworth, Jim & Donna Jones, Jon & Sharon Clark, Larry & Shelley Hill, Doug & Trella Stahl, Tracy & Suzy Rakow, Kent & Rose Krimmel, Pastor & Susan Daene, Pat & Rebekah Haugh, Brent & Sharon Nolting, Randy & Elaine Powers, Kevin & Johannah Weber; Troy Johnson and Gemma & Nolan Hedrick.

Thank You !!

Food Pantry

For April we are collecting **Peanut Butter, Jelly, and canned fruit** for the InterChurch Food Pantry. Please

Place your items in the box in the Narthex.

Thank you,
Missions



New Members Class~~

Basics of the Christian Faith

On April 12 and 19 I will be leading the Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Bible Study Room. I will be using these Sundays to set the stage for the "New Members Class" beginning on April 26th.

The new class will meet Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. For 10 weeks, we will explore the uniqueness of

Christianity versus all other world religions.

We will explore the uniqueness of Lutheran Theology versus all other denominations. On April 26, Pastor Daene will also continue his study of the Book of Galatians. We encourage all of you to be spiritually fed in one of these two growth opportunities.

Your brother in Christ, Ed Morrow



Roof Fund



As you are aware, we started a Roof Replacement campaign in February to replace the roof on the Nursery Kitchen Narthex, Maintenance, Restrooms, Hallway and the Classrooms on the south side. We are pleased to let you know we have received as of April 5th \$42,329.83. We set the goal at \$45,000 but at today costs we may have to raise that amount. The estimates have not been received yet.

*Thank You for all
who have donated
for a new roof!!!!*



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/4 Alyssa Hedrick
- 4/8 Donna Jones
- 4/12 Denzil Marten
- 4/17 Lisa Cynova
- 4/19 Lynlee Hash
- 4/22 Michelle Coner, Ray Lawyer,
Randy Powers, Kaitlynn Walker
- 4/23 Eleanor Coner, J.D. Coner,
- 4/26 Troy Johnson



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/6 Rev. Roger & Susan Daene
- 4/24 Eric & Pam Bentley

Please contact the church office (317-736-7849) for any additions or corrections to the Birthdays & Anniversaries.]

Try 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.

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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 Elaine Powers at 317-736-8709 and she will be happy to put your request on the prayer chain. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, also call Elaine.

PRAYER REQUEST: We have a Prayer Request button on the church website. Your Prayer request goes to the pastor and the prayer chain. There is power in prayer. Let the pastor and the prayer chain join you in your *time of need or thanksgiving*. Simply go to www.gslefranklin.org and hit the Prayer Request button.