



# The Shepherd's Voice

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## Thank you

for supporting the Good Shepherd Youth Group, "FLOCK", by purchasing caramel corn. We hope you enjoyed it!

## Fourth Friday Fellowship



**March 23:** The NCAA basketball tournament will be in high gear, and Barbara and Steve Hillmer have invited us to a watch party. Come at 6:30, and bring your favorite game day food to share!

**April 27:** We will gather at the church for a Team Trivia night beginning at 6:30. This will be modeled after the annual Lutheran Campus Ministry fundraising event. Sharpen your trivia skills, and bring a snack, dessert, or beverage to share.



All adult members, visitors, and friends of Good Shepherd are invited to join in the fun! Contact Susie Brooks at brksks@aol.com if you have questions.

## "Sun-catchers" needed

We would like to fill the sanctuary windows with the bright colors of sun-catchers for Easter Sunday. Do you have any we can borrow? We especially need sun-catchers that hang from a suction cup that attaches to the window. If you have any sun-catchers – of any size or shape – that hang from a suction cup, and you would let us borrow them (along with the suction cup hanger), please bring them to Good Shepherd starting



the first Sunday in March (March 4). We will store them safely and return them to you after their use during the Easter season. Please refer questions to Becky Foerschler, 842-0904; [the-bears@sunflower.com](mailto:the-bears@sunflower.com).

## Congregational Potluck

Join us Sunday, March 4th for our Congregational Potluck after the worship service. Please bring a dish to share and plan to stay for food and fellowship!

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## Pastor's Page

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Recently, members of our youth group participated in a Youth Quake event. They had a wonderful time being with other youth who are also growing in their faith. Many thanks to all of you who helped support our youth group efforts through your prayers and "root" support and by purchasing caramel corn for Super Bowl Sunday. Often with youth groups, a practice is to take some time to share what is called "Highs and Lows". In the sharing of both the highs and the lows the group gets to know each other better and can then both be cared for better and care for others better as well. In order for this to work best, it requires the strengthening of relationships, a high degree of trust, and a willingness to be honest and authentic.

Over the next couple of months, as a faith community and as the Christian church, we will be doing exactly that, sharing highs and lows together. We will share lows, along with Peter, of trying to tell Jesus what he should or shouldn't do, and then finding ourselves being rebuked by Jesus. We will share lows that require us to give thought about what we have turned Christ's church into and how he will have to cleanse our temples and churches so that we can make sure we are rightly focused on him and his message. We will once again have to acknowledge that death is involved in our lives and that, like the grain of wheat, there are parts of our lives that need to die in order for new life to sprout and grow.

And, thankfully, as a faith community and as the Christian church, we get to share our highs, such as sharing that the reason God sent Jesus is because God loves the entire world. We will share and celebrate how death does not have

the final word, the tomb is empty, and how the parts of our hearts we may think are dead, can indeed find new life and beat with a new purpose out of love for each other.

As we share together these highs and lows in the season of Lent, during Holy Week and Easter, just as with the youth, we will get to know each other better and we can be better cared for and also care for each other. And just like the youth, our journey through Lent and Easter, the sharing of these highs and lows will work best if we strengthen our relationships with each other and with Jesus through prayer and service. It will require a high degree of trust in each other and ultimately in Christ. And it will require a willingness on our part to be honest and authentic, with each other, with ourselves, and with Jesus.

These next two months promise to be filled with highs and lows. I look forward to sharing them with you and for us to journey together through the Lenten and Easter seasons.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ted

# Learning and Growing In Faith



## YOUTH QUAKE



A 10.0 (think Richter scale) THANK YOU to all who supported the youth and adults who attended the Youth Encounter Youth Quake Feb. 10-12 in Topeka. Our theme for the weekend was "Rooted", focused on Colossians 2:6-7. **"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."**

The magnitude of your prayers and financial support allowed for a massive impact in the lives of all who attended.

- "Our group got to eat lunch with one of the members of the Captive Free band. Her name is Veronica. It was really cool to talk to her about her faith and how it is to go around the world and sing and talk."
- "We learned that we are God's masterpiece and that we are a work of art. Also, that we don't have to be perfect; God will always love us no matter what."
- "I learned that God doesn't have one big plan for us, but a series of little steps that amount to something big."
- "I think Peder Eide's music really had a message."

- "We need strong roots in Christ or else we will collapse like a fallen tree. To make our roots stronger we have to be worshipers and praise God with song, dance and everything"



- "The youth quake was super fun. We got to spend the weekend not only with our youth group, but many other youth groups and some fun people like Peder Eide or Captive Free. Then on Saturday night it was all about FUN, FUN, FUN. We had a dance and Crazy Dress Night which was when we wore crazy clothes and had funky hair dos. We would end each night with a campfire, we would gather around Peder Eide and sing songs like "Abba I belong to you". I would really like to go to another Quake in the future."

### Fruity Sunday School Offering



As we continue to learn about the Fruit of the Spirit in Sunday School, we will share some of that fruit, as well as literal fruit, by collecting cans of fruit for the Ballard Center. Anyone is welcome to contribute. We are excited to see how many different kinds of nonperishable fruit we can collect.

Spring Break  
 No Sunday School March 18, March 25  
 Last Day of Sunday School: May 20

# Music & Worship Notes



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**Thank you:** To everyone who served on the Lenten planning team and especially to Becky Foerschler for leading the team.

To everyone who contributed to the Lenten devotional booklets, especially to Joanne Hickey for her work in formatting, designing, and arranging for printing, and to Jan Loux for proofreading.

To Eric West for minor (but money-saving) repairs to the organ and piano.

## Lent 2012: Look to the Cross

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22 this year) and lasts for 40 days (not counting Sundays). These days recall the 40-day fast of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) and Moses' 40-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28). Our theme for Lent this year, reflected in our Sunday worship, will be "Look to the Cross."

As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we have published a Lenten devotional booklet written by members, friends, and pastors of Good Shepherd. Be sure to pick up your copy at the church, or ask the office to mail you a copy. We encourage you to use this resource throughout the season. Families may wish to use other devotional practices as well, such as using the cross candle holders from Lent 2009, teaching children to make the sign of the cross, or writing prayers on slips of paper and collecting them in a bowl or making them into a paper chain.

## Lenten Midweek Schedule

Please join us on Wednesdays, February 29-March 28:

6:00 pm	Soup supper, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer, Sanctuary

**Announcements in Lent:** During the season of Lent (Feb. 22-April 7), we will be giving up verbal announcements. This will help us to focus on listening to God's Word. In order to share important information with our community, be sure to turn your announcements in to the office for the bulletin or Baa the Way (deadline Wednesday 10 am).

## Community Taizé Service at Good Shepherd

On Friday, March 9, at 6 pm, Good Shepherd will host a community Taizé service for Lent. These services are co-hosted by seven Lawrence churches. This group regularly holds Taizé services at 6 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (or Sunday) of the month, and they hold weekly services during Advent and Lent. All are welcome to this hour of simple song, prayer, reflective readings, meditation, and candlelight. To volunteer to be a musician for the service at Good Shepherd, contact me.

A laminated bookmark with the dates and locations of the 2011-12 Taizé calendar is available in the narthex. Other Lent dates are as follows:

### Fri. 2/24, 6 pm:

Taizé Stations of the Cross led by "In Harmony" Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 6001 Bob Billings Pkwy.

### Fri. 3/2, 6 pm:

First United Methodist Church, 946 Vermont St.

### Fri. 3/16, 6 pm:

Trinity Episcopal Church, 1011 Vermont St.

### Fri. 3/23, 6 pm:

Taizé Stations of the Cross St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1234 Kentucky St.

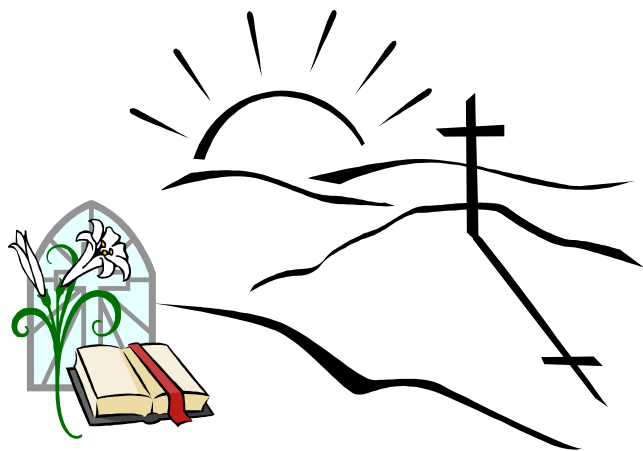
**Fri. 3/30, 6 pm:** Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont St.

For more information on the Taizé Community, its history and on-going work see [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr). For more information on local Taizé worship, or to be put on the Taizé email notification, please contact Judith Galas at [jgalas@sunflower.com](mailto:jgalas@sunflower.com).

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

10:30 am, April 1	Sunday of the Passion
	Palm Sunday
7:00 pm, April 5	Maunder Thursday
7:00 pm, April 6	Good Friday
6:30 am, April 8	Easter Sunrise Service at Pioneer Cemetery
8:00 and 10:30 am, April 8	Easter Sunday
9:00 am, April 8	Worship at GSLC
	Easter Sunday Breakfast





## Easter Sunrise Service

We hope you can join us for the Easter sunrise service at Pioneer Cemetery, on the University of Kansas West Campus. We will gather at 6:30 am, and the service will be over by 7:15 am. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair or stool. Dress for the weather! In the case of bad weather, the service will be at the church; call the church after 6 am that morning for a message regarding the service location.

Can you help? We will need some volunteers to bring supplies to and from Pioneer Cemetery and to provide and/or set up coffee and snacks after the sunrise service. If you can help, please contact Lara West.

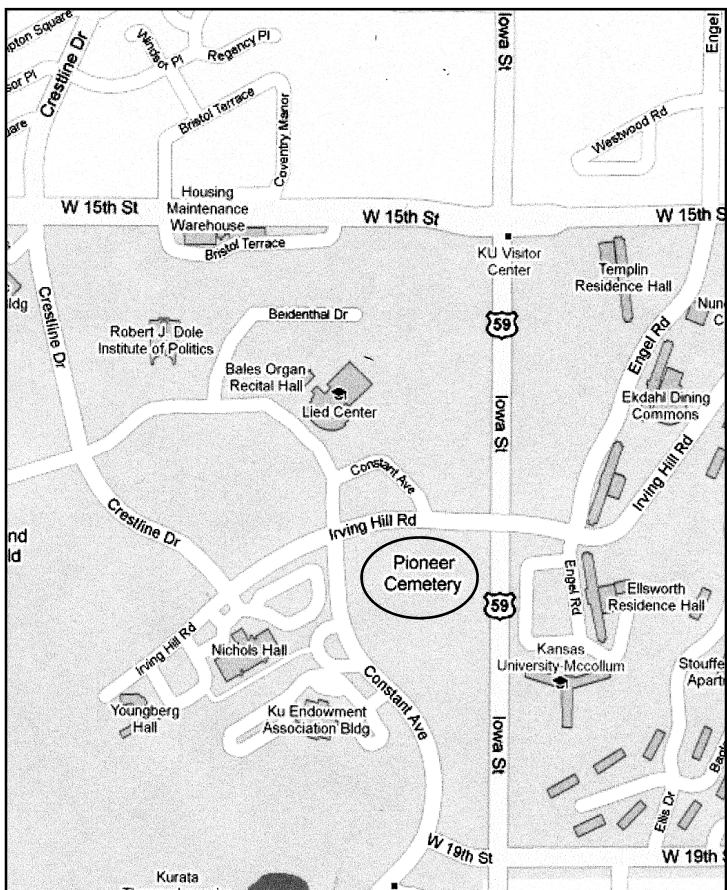
**Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday at Good Shepherd** will be April 15. Students from LCM at KU will be leading us in worship. Please plan to come learn more about this important local ministry.

**Worship Volunteers:** You should receive a new schedule in April, covering May through August. If you would like to be added to or removed from the volunteer list for a specific duty, please let the office know by March 15 so those corrections can be incorporated into the new schedule. Be sure to check the schedule you receive in the mail and record the dates you are assigned to serve. If you have a conflict on an assigned date, please trade dates with another volunteer.

**GSLC Choir:** Rehearsals are on Thursdays, 7:00-8:15 pm (except April 5, Maundy Thursday). New members are always welcome! Contact me for more information or to be added to the email list.



**Instrumentalists/Vocalists/Cantors:** Solos and ensembles are welcome to provide prelude or offering music, and accompany anthems, hymns or liturgy. Contact me to volunteer.



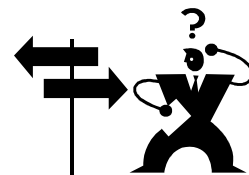
### Pioneer Cemetery directions

**From Bob Billings Parkway/15<sup>th</sup> Street:**



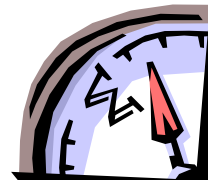
Go south on Crestline Dr.

Turn left onto Irving Hill Rd.  
Turn right onto Constant Ave.

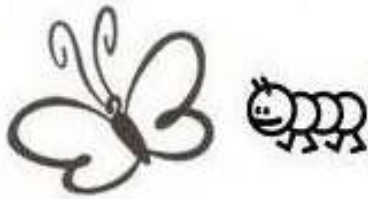


Parking a short drive, on your right

**From Iowa Street:**  
At 19<sup>th</sup> St., turn west into West Campus



Turn right onto Constant Ave.  
Parking a short drive, on your left



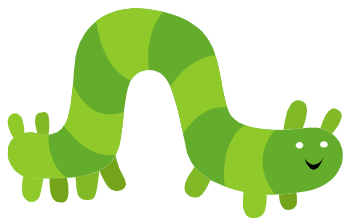
# News from Green Pastures Preschool



## Fundraiser

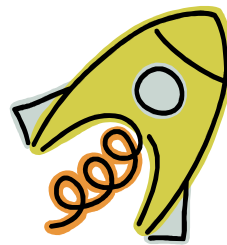
Our Good Shepherd and Green Pastures Fundraiser went well on February 21. We thank everyone who volunteered, purchased tickets, ate pancakes, invited friends, bid on silent auction items, and supported our efforts. Thank you for stopping by the vendor tables and the book fair. We so appreciate the books donated to the preschool during the Scholastic Book Fair. From the book fair, the preschool was able to receive over \$350 in books and materials. What a boost to our school library and resources! THANK YOU! And, thank you for letting us spread out for the week and use the entire church to make it happen.

## Enrollment



Enrollment for Fall 2012-2013 has officially started. We are excited to expand our offerings to include an afternoon program and an all day program. We are supplementing our current program with enrichment days which will focus on reading, math, writing, social studies, and science in preparation for kindergarten. This will allow our program to be available 5 days a week! We can't wait to grow and hope you will consider sharing our program with others. From our Bible lessons to our academic program, we offer quality opportunities for children in a loving environment. It is a great place to learn and grow. Our goal is to fill our

program by May 10th so we can offer our teachers contracts and plan our budget for the upcoming year. Can you help us spread the word? Information is available on our bulleting board and on our website at [www.greenpasturespreschool.org](http://www.greenpasturespreschool.org).



## Summer Camp



In June, we will offer two weeks of summer camp. Week 1 (June 4-8) will be a Little Chef Camp and Week 2 (June 11-15) will be a Little Explorer Camp. Camp will run from 9-11:30 M-F and is only \$65 per week. It is open to any child 3-6 years old. May 1 is the deadline for enrolling.



## Thank you

We would also like to thank Brenda Childers and David Thiel for their service on the Preschool Board. Brenda served as treasurer for a number of years. It is a thankless job with lots of paperwork and she did it with a servant's heart. You can always tell she passionately cared about the preschool! Thank you! David served as our council liaison. He was always willing to step up and do. We thank you not only taking on the shelves but your support of the preschool! Thank you! We would like to welcome our new members Ann Nichols and Cheryl Sparks. We need a couple more church members to join us. If you feel called to serve on the board, please let Pastor Ted know.

## Good Shepherd Volunteers - MARCH 2012

Position	4-Mar	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar
Worship Coordinator	David Thiel	Becky Foerschler	Walter Willmert	Susie Brooks
Assistant Minister	Mark Algren	Merlin Halverson	Kathy Algren	Mark Brooks
Reader	Barbara Tucker	Gary Sanden	Kathie Rasmussen	David Rasmussen
Communion	Rethman	Case	Brooks	Christy/Schaible
Ushers	Brooks	Dresbach	Halverson	Mortensen
Greeter	Mosher	Neilsen	Pepin	Pope
Acolyte	Ben Soukup	Paul Jesse	Paige Soukup	Saraya Windibiziri
Clean Upstairs	Pope	Neilsen	Brooks	Foerschler
Clean Downstairs	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Nursery Help	Aimee Neilsen	Ben Soukup	Laura Neilsen	Ian Pepin
Shoveling	Neilsen	Soukup	Kyle Juracek	Sanden/Dresbach
Potluck	Holmgren/Nichols	N/A	N/A	N/A
Prayer Partner	Barbara Schaible	Becky Foerschler	Kathy Algren	Joanne Hickey

## Good Shepherd Volunteers - APRIL 2012

Position	1-Apr	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr
Worship Coordinator	Ar Windibiziri	<b>See Holy Week List</b>	David Thiel	Walter Willmert
Assistant Minister	Joanne Hickey		Becky Foerschler	Kris Sterbenz
Reader	Virgie Christy		Faith Nilhas	Joan Wilmert
Communion	Foerschler		Case	Brooks
Ushers	Sanden		Tucker	Dresbach
Greeter	Thiel		Sanden	Tucker
Acolyte	Tristan Rethman		Taylor Mosher	Ben Soukup
Clean Upstairs	Sanden		Childers	McCullough
Clean Downstairs	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Nursery Help	Aimee Neilsen		Ian Pepin	Aimee Neilsen
Shoveling	Foerschler		Soukup	Case
Potluck			N/A	N/A
Prayer Partner	Barbara Schaible		Kathy Algren	Joanne Hickey

## Good Shepherd Volunteers - HOLY WEEK 2012

Position	5-Apr	6-Apr	8-Apr	8-Apr
	<b>Maundy Thurs</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Worship Coordinator	David Thiel	Becky Foerschler	Walter Willmert	Susie Brooks
Assistant Minister	Walter Willmert	Mark Algren	Merlin Halverson	Mark Brooks
Reader	Amber Tucker	Kathy Algren	Joan Wilmert	Kris Sterbenz
Communion	Mosher	N/A	Rethman	Pope
Ushers	Foerschler	Neilsen	Thiel /Windibiziri	Sanden
Greeter	Brooks	N/A	Brun	Collier Case
Acolyte	Haven Rethman	N/A	Sean Jesse	Kambree Judy
Clean Upstairs	N/A	N/A	Thiel	Thiel
Clean Downstairs	N/A	N/A	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>



# Social Action Ministry

Our December Christmas projects were successful, with more than enough volunteer bell ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, and all mittens were taken from the Ballard Center Mitten Tree. Each mitten represented a gift for a Ballard Center family member. Many thanks to Ginger Ratzlaff for her able management of this effort! The fair trade coffee and chocolate sale table was a popular stop after worship during December, and only a few bags of coffee and chocolate bars remain.



On January 28, Good Shepherd volunteers prepared and served a delicious hot meal to more than 150 of our fellow Lawrence residents. The Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK), located at First Christian Church, serves a hot midday meal to our hungry population four days a week. Our next Good Shepherd service date is scheduled for Saturday, May 26.



We now have twelve Good Shepherd families committed to sponsorship of children through the Children International program. In partnership with Advent Lutheran, a mission trip to Dominican Republic is planned for June 4-10. During their stay, participants will sink a well, and possibly work on a sanitation project. For details, contact Judy Hathaway or Pastor Ted.

The next Family Promise host week at Trinity Lutheran is scheduled for April 1-8. Overnight hosts, evening hosts, help with meals and other support will be needed throughout the week. Good Shepherd is the primary support congregation for Trinity during their host weeks. Lawrence Family Promise offers a variety of support services to families with children who find themselves temporarily homeless. Please contact Susie Brooks if you would like to help.

A dedicated food drive to replenish the shelves at Ballard Center food pantry is scheduled for the month of May. Every family is encouraged to take a specially marked shopping bag and fill it with needed items on the attached list. The bags will be available in the narthex beginning on Sunday, April 29 and should be returned to the church by Sunday, May 27. Volunteers will be needed to help with delivery to Ballard Center.



Social Action Ministry meets at 6:30 on the first Thursday of each month (Note: The April meeting will be on April 12, to avoid conflict with Maundy Thursday). The meetings are brief in order to allow choir members to practice at 7:00. If you would like to contribute but cannot attend meetings, contact Susie Brooks at [sbrksksk@aol.com](mailto:sbrksksk@aol.com) to add your name to the email contact list. Everyone is welcome!





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## *Dates to Remember*

11:45 am, March 4 Congregational Potluck

***Please join us on  
Wednesdays, February 29-March 28:***

6:00 pm Soup supper, Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten worship,  
Sanctuary

### **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

10:30 am, April 1 Sunday of the Passion  
Palm Sunday

7:00 pm, April 5 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm, April 6 Good Friday

6:30 am, April 8 Easter Sunrise Service  
at Pioneer Cemetery

8:00 & 10:30 am, April 8 Easter Sunday

9:00 am, April 8 Worship at GSLC  
Easter Sunday Breakfast

For more dates and scheduling changes, please see the calendar at [www.gslc-lawrence.org](http://www.gslc-lawrence.org).

PLEASE SEND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE 15TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY.