

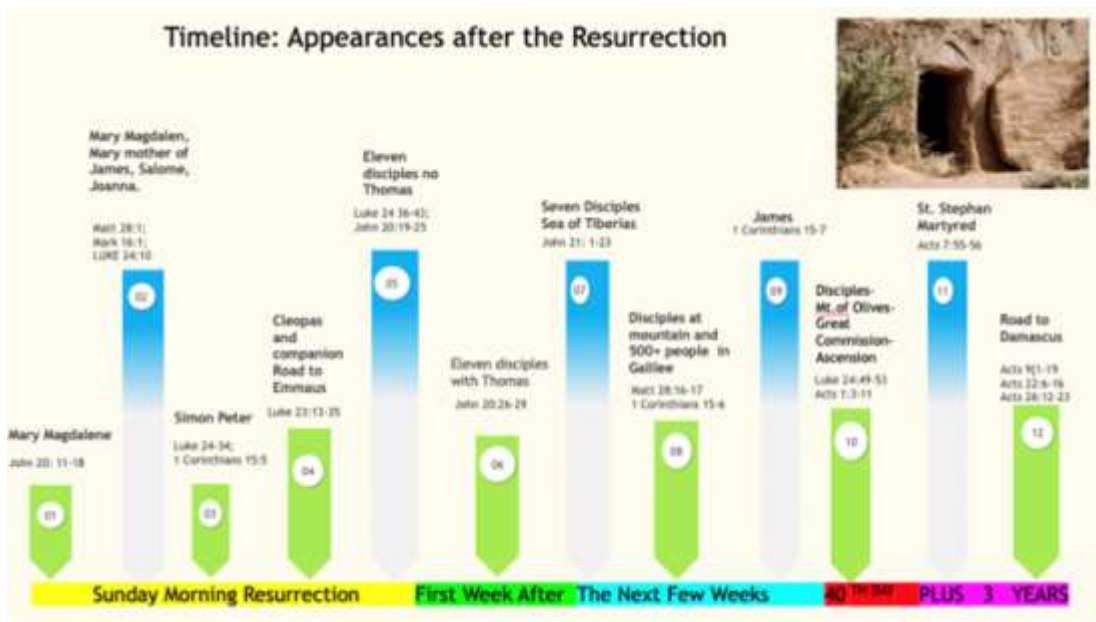


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

A Time for Guidance



Martin Handford is a British children's author and book illustrator who, while working at Walker Books in England, was asked to produce a book of very detailed two-page crowd scenes; in fact, his illustrations could take up to 8 weeks to complete. While working on the project in 1986, a co-worker suggested adding a distinctive character that could be found in the crowd. Martin Handford introduced Wally, a world traveller known by his red & white striped shirt, bobble hat and black-rimmed round glasses. Where's Wally? (called Where's Waldo? in Canada and the U.S.) Each book challenges readers to find Wally in many different places, accompanied by his friends: Wizard Whiteboard, Woofe, Odlaw, and Wenda. Over 70 million books have been sold, with countless children delighted to find this special character in various places and to point him out to others.

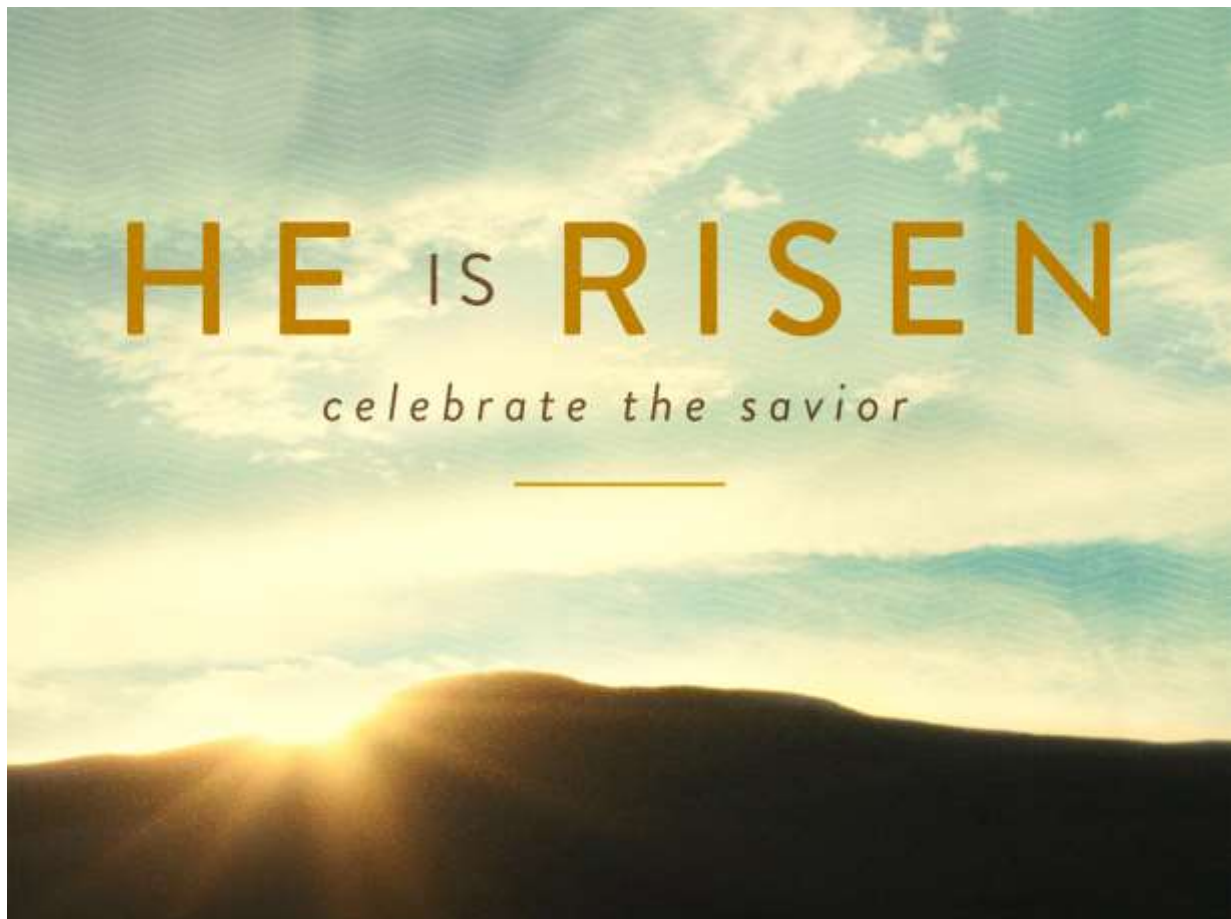
After his resurrection, over the next 40 days, Jesus is seen in various locations, and appears with a variety of people. He is seen by the women going to the tomb to anoint his body. He appears to two of the disciples as they were walking on the road to Emmaus and to the disciples in the upper room-twice! Stephen, the first martyr of the church saw Jesus as he was being stoned. Paul tells us in his letter to the church in Corinth that Jesus appeared to Peter, to more than 500 eyewitnesses and to James, the half-brother of the Lord, who would become a leader in the church, especially at a meeting of the apostles in Acts 15. (continued on next page)

Why does Jesus appear to so many people? The law of Moses required that anyone giving testimony in court must have their testimony confirmed by two or three witnesses. The resurrection of Jesus was the testimony of literally hundreds of eyewitnesses. Seeing Christ alive was such a powerful experience that many believers were put to death for their faith-as martyrs (literally *witnesses* in Greek)-rather than deny the resurrection of Jesus.

We will read several accounts of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances in the coming weeks, beginning on Easter. We are invited to find Jesus in these places so that, by faith, he may be found in our hearts and minds as believers, who continue to follow our resurrected Lord. We have the biblical account of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and we have the place to gather where we celebrate his resurrection every week, where our sins are forgiven, and where he invites us to his table to feed us and sends us out.

In addition to finding Jesus in these 40 days from Easter, our readings in worship will change. In place of the Old Testament Lesson, we turn to the Acts of the Apostles, where we learn how Jesus now sends his people-the church-into the world to be his witnesses. I pray that the resurrection of Jesus has made such an impact on you, that you will continue looking in order to find Jesus and, as his witness, take delight in pointing him out to others.

- Pastor Brian





God is good!

On Saturday March 9, we had the honor of witnessing Pastor Brian being installed at Good Shepherd!

Many came to celebrate and show support! Officiating was the Rev. James Banach (Circuit Visitor for the Southeastern District, and pastor of Redeemer Lutheran in Parkton MD) and Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon (District President for the Southeastern District.) There were also participating clergy from the English District and Eastern District.

Afterwards we celebrated with a luncheon at the Wyndham Garden of York.

A big grand welcome to Pastor Brian and Christine! We've prayed a long time for you and are so happy it was you that God brought!



Stewardship of Time

We are to be faithful stewards of God's gift of time. He gives us time to do our work, time to care for our children (and/or perhaps our older parents), time to care for others, time to rest and relax. And, time to spend with God.

Will you dedicate just 1% of your time to the

SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?



In the Word & Prayer ... 1% of Every Day

Each day we live is a gift from the Lord. And He gives each of us the same amount of time each day: 1,440 minutes.

Will you use 14 of those minutes, just 1% of the time the Lord has given you each day, to read the Bible and pray?



In Worship ... 1% of Every Week

If you get the full 8 hours of sleep the doctor recommends each night, that leaves 112 waking hours per week.

Will you spend just 1% of those hours to come to church each week and worship the Lord?

Already at 1%? 2% gives time for a Sunday or weekday Bible class!

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- submitted by Dave Stetler

A visiting pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib-overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. The farmer began, "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wondered where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one feeling uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen." Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing today. Stay strong friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN — submitted by Perley Allen



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Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Friday, April 26, 2024 at 8:00 AM!

Hope to see you then!

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Young at Heart will meet at the church for a meeting full of SURPRISES!!! on Wednesday, April 10th, at 11:30 am. Please sign up in the Narthex so we will know how many to prepare for.

MULTI-AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matthew 21:9).

On Palm Sunday, we took a break from our Old Testament lessons to focus on this day. We sang an opening song called “Cloaks and Branches”. The children learned that hosanna means Lord, save us! Our beginning activity was a game known as “I have... Who has...”. It introduced us to the important words associated with the Palm Sunday story.

Using the writing of Matthew’s gospel account, chapter 21:1-11, we learned more details about this day. Then the children were detectives and had to locate and highlight the words from our opening game.

Finally, we made our own Palm Sunday banner to remind us of this important day which starts Holy Week.



CHILDREN'S SERMONS: "He has risen!"

(Matthew 28:6) Resurrection Eggs can be used to teach children the meaning of Easter and the story of Jesus' resurrection. Pastor John used some of these eggs to do just that. As the children opened the eggs, there was a symbol inside that represented a part of Jesus' death and resurrection. Inside of the twelve eggs you will find: a donkey, coin, washcloth, cup, praying hands, feather, wood, piece of blue, purple, or scarlet fabric, a linen cloth, stone, spices, an empty egg.



Why Do We Need To Study And Meditate On God's Word?

Some may think that all we really need to know is the basics about salvation and the Christian faith. "I went through the Confirmation classes, why do I need to read the Bible on a regular basis?" Or, "Why do I need to go to a Bible study?" I'm a Christian, I believe in Jesus, isn't that enough? Of course, the same arguments can be used about going to church.

Well, as believers in Christ, we are called upon to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). How can we 'grow' as Christians if we ignore the Word of God? We are told by Peter how this is accomplished: "like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation" (1 Peter 2:1,2). We would do well to follow the example of the saints of old: From David, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11), and "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105); And from



Job, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12).

If we immerse ourselves in God's Word, not only can we draw comfort and encouragement in the trials we will all face, but we will be equipped to offer comfort, encouragement and even guidance to those around us. Parents and grandparents especially should know God's Word to offer these same things to our children and grandchildren. We need to be prepared to "always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). Did you know that our singing in church is not only for the sake of worship, but it is a ministry of the Word, to build up the body of Christ, the Church? Paul teaches us this very truth - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" Colossians 3:16).

At Good Shepherd, we have a number of opportunities for Bible studies. They are listed in the bulletins and the newsletter. Take advantage of them. We all need to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

In the adult Bible study led by Perley Allen during our Sunday School, we will be starting very soon, a refresher course on Understanding the Bible. See the separate article in this newsletter concerning this study.

Adult Bible Study during Sunday School (led by Perley Allen), we will be starting a new series soon on **Understanding the Bible**. Some principles we will be considering:

A. We must begin with a desire to know God's Word.

B. We must attempt to understand the complexity of languages and word meanings:

- * Are we reading a historical narrative, poetry, or prophecy?
- * Meaning of Words in their original setting.
- * Understand the difficulties in translating from one language to another.
- * Though it is not necessary to know Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek, it is helpful to use word study references in order to better understand the meaning of words.

C. Scripture is a unity:

- * Though it is written by several different people, at different times and in different languages, it is the same Holy Spirit who 'breathed the Word of God' into them (2 Timothy 3:16).
- * The best means for understanding Scripture is Scripture itself. Clearer passages help us understand the more complex passages, even obscure passages.

D. The Importance of Context and the Author's Intent:

- * The greatest danger is taking a passage out of its context.
- * We need to ask questions when studying Scripture: Who wrote it?
- * To whom was it written? What was its purpose?
- * How would the immediate readers understand it?

E. Studying the Background:

- * Historical background is important. This ties in with the author's intent.

F. The Right Tools for Study:

- * Good study Bible
- * Various translations
- * Concordance
- * Bible dictionary & atlas
- * Bible word study guides



G. Wisdom of the Saints:

- * Giving attention to godly men and women we know who live out the Sacred Scriptures in their lives.
- * How did the early Church understand Scripture? Since the Holy Spirit does not change, the meaning of Scripture remains the same throughout all generations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY

Classes are available for ages three through adult which meet between the first and second worship services: from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM. *All are welcome!* At the present time there are five classes, Nursery (ages 3-4), Kindergarten (age 5), Multi-Age (ages 6-18) and two adult classes.

Additional age related classes will be added as needed.



Adult Sunday School

Joy Shelton leads a Bible Study which studies a new Scripture topic each Sunday. All are welcome! Join us from 10:00-10:45. See Joy for more info.

Men's Zoom Bible Study

We meet through Zoom on Thursdays at 9:30 am. If you wish to join us, please contact either Ron Webb or Dave Stetler.





SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

Operation Christmas Child

News Just In ...

16,290 Shoebox gifts were collected in York County in 2023. A total of 11,330,126 shoeboxes were collected throughout the world!

Each one of those shoebox gifts is a Gospel opportunity, bringing the hope and love of Jesus to hurting children around the world. Please continue to pray for these children and the *Operation Christmas Child* ministry.

“Ladies Friendship Tea”

Saturday April 20th @ 10:30 am



Purchase your ticket today from Carolyn Goodling.

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Proceeds benefit LWML Missions. Bring your favorite hat and tea cup. No hats or tea cups? That's OK! A selection will be provided. We want you to come and enjoy the teas, foods and fellowship! Please sign the reservation form in the narthex and purchase your \$5.00 ticket. All ladies of the church are invited.



Our LWML meeting will be held on

Monday April 8th @ 6 pm. All ladies of the church are invited. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Meeting



Thanks to our ushers who served in March!
 Dave Blechertas, Sheila Denny and
 Jon & Joy Williams
 And thanks to our ushers serving in April!
 Ron & Carolyn Goodling, June Downs
 and Kim Meyer

Weis & Giant Gift Card Sales

For the first two months of 2024,
Weis and Giant gift card sales totaled \$2860.

The Building Fund received 5% or \$143.

Card sales resume on April 7.

See Tom Shearer in the narthex.



GOOD SHEPHERD QUILTERS

We have finished 30 quilts since this past fall. We need a few more people to help tie. This is an easy process and can be done at home so just check with one of our quilters for directions. We would like to thank everyone for their donations of sheets and fabric.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

"God's house should shine because it is well loved!" On the narthex table, you will find two sign-up sheets: one to adopt a garden for the season and another to spring clean a small area of the church. Spring cleaning can be completed anytime now through June!



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CRAFTS!

will be starting up again on Tues. April 2 at 2pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Please bring your ideas and be prepared to have a wonderful time. No experience necessary. Items made will be sold at our annual bazaar Nov. 1st and 2nd.

Homebound Members

*Stay in touch with those who cannot worship with us on a regular basis. Send them a card or give them a call! **Phone numbers can be found in the directory.***

Will & Chris Candisky

Joanne Reese

Pauline Schaefer

Denise Eckert

Doris Ruesskamp

Sally Thomas

Patty Hoshall

Sharon Warnecke



Local Mission for April

LifePath Christian Ministries

(Offers homeless shelter, hot meals to the community, etc.)

April birthdays

1—Christine Avila-Smith
 4—Jane Esterby
 5—Emery Stoner
 8—Kurt Robbins
 9—Alesa Joseph
 12—Chelsea Street, Stephen Firlik
 16—David Baughman
 18—Norma Orsie
 19—Nathan Street
 21—Kaleb Rodrigo, Bill Smith
 22—Janine Bednarz
 23—Joy Williams
 27—Tim McEvoy, Sharon Yarnell
 28—Chelsea Webber
 30—Joseph Mokris



April Anniversaries

10—Drew & Shirley Dreyer
 15—Larry & Marva Matz
 22—John & Edie Warther

Prayer List

All persecuted Christians
 Adams family
 Hester Allen
 Josh & Perley Allen
 Frank Altland
 Sonya Alwine
 Tina Bell
 Michelle Blevins
 Tammy Bosley
 Bonita Brungart
 Bill Bucher
 Gary Cable
 Chris Candisky
 Dawn Coley
 Donna Dellinger
 Joyce Devan
 Judy Eckenrode
 Denise Eckert
 Dave Eicholtz
 Bob & Marge Filangeri
 Jack & Donnalene Gingerich
 Bob Hahn
 Terry Harrison
 Lindsey Hegedorn
 Christopher Hoffmann
 Wayne & Allyson Hoffmann
 Bob Jakupciak
 Sandy Knisely
 Randy Miller
 Neenan family
 Norma Orsie
 Sandi Peiffer
 Jo Reese
 Pat Reichel family
 Yvonne Rudacille
 Pauline Schaefer
 Tom Shearer
 David Sindlinger
 Donna Siple
 Bernard Smallwood
 Bill Smith
 Carol Sollenberger
 Louann Stetler

Sally Thomas
 Beth Ann Thompson
 Joe & Donna Toomey
 Marilyn von Schlichten
 Shonna Weidner
 Ella Weisbord
 George Yovich
 Jewish people around the world

We are grateful that Marva Matz has agreed to coordinate our email prayer chain.

Through our prayer chain, you and your loved ones will be carried in prayer during troublesome times and we can celebrate together in thanksgiving for the blessings in your life.

Please send your prayer requests to Marva.



ELDER FAMILY ASSIGNMENTS

Do you know who your elder is? The following elders are assigned to members who have last names beginning with the corresponding letter.

Lynda Weidner = A-C

Jim Bogart = D-F, plus M & N

June Downs = G-L, plus O & P

Nancy Buckley = S

George Adams = T-Z, plus R



March Service Attendance

DATE	9:00 In-Person	11:00 In-Person	11:00 YouTube	Special Service	Special YouTube
Sun. 3/3	33	66	20		
Wed. 3/6				32	23
Sat. 3/9 Installation				133	78
Sun. 3/10	22	77	25		
Wed. 3/13				29	NA
Sun. 3/17	32	68	26		
Wed. 3/20				27	24
Sun. 3/24 Palm	24	88	18		
Th. 3/28 Maundy				53	10

Church Officers 2024

- * President = Perley Allen (2025)
- * Vice President = Stephen Firlik (2024)
- * Recording Secretary = Ron Goodling (2025)
- * Financial Secretary = Joy Shelton (2024)
- * Treasurer = Dave Weidner (2025)
- Assistant Financial Officer = Gary Cable (2024)
- * Sunday School Superintendent = Jack Gingerich (2025)
- Assistant Sunday School Superintendent = Joy Williams (2024)
- * Christian Outreach/Growth = Kathleen Firlik (2025)
- * Head Deacon = Drew Dreyer (2025)
- Assistant Head Deacon = Rod Joseph (2024)
- * Trustee = John Brockley (2024)
- * Trustee = David Blechertas (2025)
- Trustee = Jeanette Allen (2026)
- * Elder = June Downs (2024)
- * Elder = Lynda Weidner (2024)
- Elder = George Adams (2025)
- Elder = Jim Bogart (2025)
- Elder = _____ (2026)
- Elder = Nancy Buckley (2026)
- * LWML President = Kim Meyer

Terms are two years, except for trustees and elders which are three years. Terms expire at the end of the year in parentheses. Asterisk * indicates Church Council Member

*Thank
You*

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Sunday Worship:

In-person, Drive-in, or Livestream

9:00 Alternative

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional

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