



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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From Palms to Thorns to Lilies

Holy Week will soon be upon us, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 9th. For the last time, Jesus comes riding into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey; the crowds lay palm branches in his way and wave them in the air as they shout, "Hosanna...blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Over the centuries of festivals and celebration, the Palm branch was a symbol of victory, as the Old Testament Psalm 118 says "with boughs (branches) in hand, join the festal procession." So, on Palm Sunday we too will join the procession with branches mixed with the shouts of our liturgy, "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." In this way we too will anticipate the victory of our Lord.

The crown of thorns will become the head piece for the Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords. In contrast to the crowns of every other ruler in the history of mankind, God's Son *did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but humbled himself and became obedient to death on the cross.*

How ironic that the King of the Jews would be tortured and mocked by sharp and piercing thorns breaking through the flesh, scalp and face. And when asked by Pilate, "Are you a King?" Jesus would reply, "My kingdom is not of this world." However, Pilate would leave the inscription in three languages on the sign above the head of Jesus, "the King of the Jews." The image of the crown of thorns is captured in the hymn by Paul Gerhardt, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."

On Easter weekend we will have the opportunity to bring beautiful Lilies to our altar area as we celebrate the Resurrection victory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is appropriate because this flower blooms at the time of Easter; and it is appropriate because the bulb that had been buried in the ground has now come forth in all its glory and beauty. So, we include the Lily in our procession to and from the empty tomb, celebrating that Jesus Christ has conquered death and the grave, and opened for us eternal life with God and the people of God. As Holy Week began with the liturgical "Hosanna," Holy week will continue with the liturgical chant, "Alleluia, Christ is risen!"

So, get ready for Holy Week...and get ready to embrace all the plants and chants of the season.

In His Service,

Pastor Thomas Petersen



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have someone or something that you would like Pastor Petersen to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request card, located on the guest book stand, and place it in his box or contact him at the Church Office. It is important that all of our members receive pastoral care when it is needed, especially during times of sickness or other difficulty. If you know of an individual, even if it is a non-member, who would appreciate and benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Petersen.



PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Petersen will plan to be in the church office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are exceptions to this schedule as there will be a circuit pastors meeting on the first Monday of each month, a Wednesday morning chapel at the Aitkin nursing homes every six weeks, and other meetings or activities within the church during those morning hours. If you wish to meet with the pastor for a specific and personal reason, you can always make an appointment for most any time during the week - morning or afternoon - and if need be, in the evening. He would prefer that you call his cell phone at 608-334-5718 or email him at sotlpastortom@gmail.com to ensure prompt response to your requests or need. The Church secretary is in the office on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. if you need her for anything.

Hosanna!



ELDER OF THE MONTH

Steve Lawrence
218-839-4771



USHERS OF THE MONTH

Mike Raddatz
Anna Leerssen



ALTAR GUILD

Marge Berndt



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

- 02nd Gaylord & Bonnie Ryg
- 09th Dick & Jerry Siemers
- 16th Easter Breakfast
- 23rd Potluck Luncheon
- 30th Marge Berndt

We are in need of Fellowship servers in the coming months. If you are able to serve one Sunday it would be greatly appreciated. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



THIS MONTHS BIRTHDAYS

- 02nd Rev. Walter Brill
- 03rd Bob Wandersee
- 11th Patricia Garding
Jim Wackerfuss
- 12th Sandy Feltmann
- 17th Larry Collison
- 18th Mat Rasmussen
- 24th Dalton Hoese
Cindy Kuehl



THIS MONTHS ANNIVERSARIES

- 24th Bob & Robin Rubbelke



THIS MONTHS YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- 11th Baylie O'Neil

In an effort to support and build one another up to the glory of God (Romans 15:1-7), we include in our monthly newsletter birthday and anniversary dates for members and friends of the congregation. If your birthday date is missing or wrong please contact Sue Raddatz or leave your information in her mailbox at the church with the information. Thank you!



NOTE FROM THE PASTOR... If you have any time sensitive information such as prayer requests, hospitalizations or any emergency situations please use Pastor Petersen's mobile phone number and voice mail at 608-334-5718, or email him at sotlpastortom@gmail.com. Either of these will allow timely response.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Bible Study-8:30a.m.

Sunday School-8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study-9:30 a.m.



LWML UPDATE: The LWML Ladies will have their next meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. All ladies of Shepherd of the Lake are invited to be a part of this group of ladies.



LWML SPRING RALLY:The Brainerd Zone Spring Rally will be on Thursday, April 20th at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin, MN. The theme for the rally will be "Sowing the Good Seed." Featured speaker will be Rev. Les Uhrinak, pastor of Cross Lutheran Church in Crosslake, Mn. The Bible Study leader will be Rev. Thomas Petersen of Shepherd of the Lake in Garrison. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the first of April.



EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Lord's Supper

Easter Breakfast will be served between services

10:00 a.m. Easter Day Service

Easter Egg Hunt will follow services.



2017 WOMEN'S RETREAT: All women are invited to Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, MN on April 21-23, 2017 The theme for this event: "God's Peace In the Time of Pain." Guests speakers: Lori Lucken & Mollie Mashburn. 2017 Camp Theme: Standing on the Rock. For more information please check the bulletin board where you will find registration forms to use.



EVANGELISM MEETING: Our next Evangelism meeting will be on Sunday, April 2nd following worship service. If you are interested in being a part of the group, please come to the meeting.



BASKETS OF PROMISE: We will assemble our Personal Care Kits on Sunday, April 23rd. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this worthy cause.



EASTER LILIES AND SPRING FLOWERS: Once again the Altar Guild is planning to incorporate Lilies and Spring flowers into the Easter weekend worship services and Easter season. This year Easter Sunday is celebrated on April 16th. This is a reminder to you that your donations are welcomed for this celebration of new life through the message of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. To help them in their planning it would be helpful for you to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. You could then bring your flowers or plant to the church by Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. Together we anticipate a joyful and beautiful celebration of the victory by Jesus Christ over death and the grave. Get ready to sing Hallelujah!



SUGGESTION BOX: It had been discussed by council -- and then brought to the last voters' meeting -- that there be available a Suggestion Box for members (and visitors) to bring any constructive thoughts and ideas for the Pastor and Lay leadership to consider in their discussion and planning. These suggestions could involve the following: a brand new idea to do something never done before; a recommendation to improve on what we are doing; or could involve a criticism of something that you feel is not in good order. Also, the suggestion could involve affirmation and support for what is being done. These then could be considered for evaluation at each of the regular leadership meetings, and then addressed in some way that is for the good of the whole body. (It is the opinion of the pastor that any and all suggestions be accompanied by a name so that we can respond appropriately; however, if people feel strongly not to include their name, this will be respected). We hope this will be a constructive outlet and means for bringing about positive and meaningful change within the congregation.



ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING: We are planning our yearly spring cleaning for Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. We will work both inside and outside (weather permitting). A lunch will be provided for all the workers. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.



LEMON FROSTED ANGEL CAKE

From the kitchen of: *In memory of Phyllis Guetzkow*

- 1 Angel Food Cake Mix
- 1 (8 oz.) ctn. Lemon Yogurt
- 1 (21 oz.) can Lemon Pie Filling
- 1 (8 oz.) container nondairy Whipped Topping

Bake angel food according to package directions. Cool cake. Cut cake horizontally into 4 layers. In medium bowl, combine pie filling and yogurt. Blend well; spread a third (one cup) of lemon mixture between each cake layer frost top and sides with whipped cream. Refrigerate. Serves twelve.

RECIPES WANTED: *If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please write it down and put it in Sue Raddatz' mailbox.*



Thanks So Much!

THANK YOU... I know I'll never be able to thank the 5 guys and 2 wives who came on a Tuesday to clean out my garage and take the tools etc. to the Auction House. They will never know what that meant to me. They took 7 or 8 pickup loads and 2 trailer loads. The meager lunch I served was only a mere substance to keep them going. Also to Arlen "Thank you", for coming back and getting the last couple of items; and for picking up the empty boxes to dispose of them. Thank you guys and gals again.

Jo Ann Driller



THANK YOU... I want to express my sincere appreciation for all the help and prayers during my recent illness. My God had placed me in a spot where he knew I would receive what I needed at the time of my crisis!

I will never forget what all of you have done for me and the support that I have felt through this difficult time.

Thanks to everyone for all your prayers, cards, and support.

Thank you all again!
Joan Wandersee



THANK YOU ... I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and concern shown to me with my recent illness.

John Kinzel

QUARTERLY VOTER'S ASSEMBLY & POTLUCK: Our next Voter's Assembly will be Sunday, April 23rd following our morning worship and a potluck luncheon. All members are invited to attend this and all Voters' meetings so that as many as possible can take part in the decision making for our congregation.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Riverwood Healthcare Center will once again offer a Spring series for their Grief Support Group offered thru Riverwood. Their previous series have been very successful with all participants reporting that the information and support provided to them was helpful. The Spring Series will meet for six sessions beginning April 20th at Riverwood Healthcare Center. The facilitators are Mary Ann Kult, Judy Anakkala and Deb Clark. They have all had experience in facilitating grief groups for several years. Please check out the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



PORTALS OF PRAYERS: You will find the new Portals of Prayer on the table in the narthex. Please take one home with you and if you know of someone who would like one please take one for them.



ANNUAL SMELT FRY: Mark your calendars for our annual *Smelt Fry* on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the VFW in Garrison. Bob & Robin Rubbelke, David & Elaine Drahosh are organizing this event. We will be prepping and setting up on Friday, April 24th starting at 9AM. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All help will be greatly appreciated.



***The Lord's Prayer:
"A Prayer for All Seasons"***

Maundy Thursday Service w/LS:

April 13th at 6PM

"Seasons of Temptation"

Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness):

April 14th at 6PM

"Seasons for Standing Up to Evil"



Relief for Human Need Worldwide



All congregations in the Minnesota North District are invited to collect new socks and undies for Orphan Grain Train.

These items will be taken to Texas border missions and other places where new items are allowed. All sizes of undies and socks (for men, women, and children) are being collected, but children's socks (for ages 3 to 6th grade) are very much needed, as children in Mexico cannot go to school without socks and shoes.

Please send new socks and undies with your pastor when he attends the MN State Pastoral Conference on May 15-17, 2017, at Madden's Resort, Brainerd, MN. Drop Off Point: Orphan Grain Train Booth. Money to help with shipping costs is also welcome. Monetary donations can be mailed to Orphan Grain Train, P.O. Box 61, Morris, MN 56267, or brought to the OGT Booth. You will find a basket by the Cross in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.



MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE: Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World. A one-night Movie Event. The showing will be at Centennial Auditorium in Staples, MN on April 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. This event is being hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Staples.

The most influential person of the 16th century was not a king or emperor, nor a great warrior and military leader. Rather, he was a lowly Augustinian monk who took a stand on God's Word. This is a new film that follows the great adventure of Luther's life, filled with intrigue, drama, and life or death showdowns. Find out more information in this coming Sunday bulletin and check out the bulletin board.

There is no admission cost for this event. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the costs of the screening. A Question and Answer session will follow the screening.



50TH ANNIVERSARY BOARD: Please check out our 50th anniversary board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have celebrated your 50th and if your picture isn't on the board and you would like it to be, please bring a picture of your wedding with the date or a picture from your 50th anniversary with the date information, place the picture and information into an envelope and place it in Elaine Drahosh's mailbox and she will get them on the board.



Welcome Everyone!
To our Annual
Easter
Breakfast



At Shepherd of the Lake
Easter Sunday,
April 16, 2017

From: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Between
7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Services

Menu:

Biscuit & Sausage Gravy
Ham & Scrambled Eggs
Fresh Fruit
Coffee Cakes
Orange Juice, Milk & Coffee

FREE WILL OFFERING!

*(All Free will offerings will be given to the
Garrison Care Givers)*



Come and
Join us
For our annual
Easter
Egg Hunt!

Sunday, April 16,
2017

At 11:00 a.m.



Here at
Shepherd of the Lake

Coordinated by
The Board of Education

19th ANNUAL

SMELT FRY

Sponsored by
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church



On Saturday, April 29, 2017

**Serving from
3 to 7 pm**

**At the
Andy Kokesh VFW Post 1816
Garrison, Minnesota**

Serving:

Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, Dessert,
Coffee, and enough "Smelt" for everyone!

Adults: \$10.00

Children: \$5.00

Hope to see you there!!



April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30 a.m.-Bible Study & Sunday school	9AM-Circuit Pastor's @ Zion in Brainerd	9AM-Board of Elders Meeting	Aitkin Nursing Homes Services		6PM-Circuit Pastors Gathering	
10AM-Divine Service w/LS			5PM-Pottluck Supper			
11AM-Fellowship Hr			6PM-Midweek Lenten Service			
Evangelism Meeting						
4PM-Luther Movie @ Staples High School						
9 Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thurs.	14 Good Friday	15
8:30 a.m.-Bible Study & Sunday school		9AM-Board & Committee Meetings	9:30AM-Wed. Bible Study	6PM-Divine Service w/LS	6PM-Tenebrae Service	
10AM-Divine Service w/LS		10AM-Church Council	NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE			
11AM-Fellowship Hr		1PM-LWML Meeting				
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
7:30AM-Easter Sunrise Divine Service w/LS			9:30AM-Wed. Bible Study	9AM-LWML Spring Rally @ St. John's in Aitkin	LIC Women's Retreat 21 st to 23 rd	LIC Women's Retreat 21 st to 23 rd
Easter Breakfast				Articles Due for May Newsletter		
10AM-Easter Day Divine Service						
11AM-Easter Egg Hunt						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:30 a.m.-Bible Study & Sunday school		Printing May Newsletter	9:30AM-Wed. Bible Study		9AM-Prep work for Smelt Fry @ VFW in Garrison	3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Annual Smelt Fry @ VFW in Garrison
10AM-Divine Service w/LS						
11AM-Pottluck Luncheon						
Quarterly Voters Meeting						
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8:30 a.m.-Bible Study & Sunday school						
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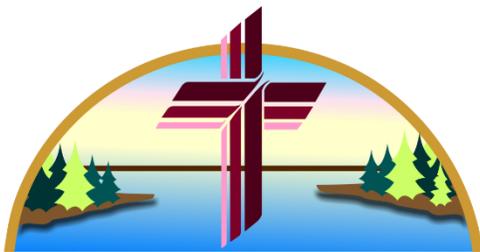
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To Those Loved by Christ:



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Education Hour: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School Hour: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Divine Service: 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11:00 a.m.