



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *Words of Life from the Cross*

Dear members and friends of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church,

The season of Lent begins this month. It is a time to repent and pray. It is a time to prepare to celebrate and receive again the Passion of Christ, His death and resurrection in our place, on our behalf, and for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. As we repent, pray, and prepare this Lenten season, we will focus our attention and meditation on the words of Jesus from the cross.

- ✦ **Ash Wednesday: *The Pardoning Word***  
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
- ✦ **Midweek 2: *The Promising Word***  
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- ✦ **Midweek 3: *The Faithful Word***  
"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)
- ✦ **Midweek 4: *The Compassionate Word***  
"Woman, behold, your son!" ... "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:26-27)
- ✦ **Midweek 5: *The Suffering Word***  
"I thirst." (John 19:28)
- ✦ **Midweek 6: *The Dying Word***  
"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" (Luke 23:46)
- ✦ **Maundy Thursday: *The Remembering Word***  
"Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:24)
- ✦ **Good Friday: *The Fulfilled Word***  
"It is finished." (John 19:30)
- ✦ **Easter Sunday: *The Vindicated Word***  
"He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:6)

Recall the exchange between Jesus and His disciples in John chapter six: *"After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God"* (John 6.66-69).

We have also believed and come to know that Jesus is the Son of God and our Savior. Because of our faith in who He is and what He has done, we like Peter and the rest of Jesus' disciples run to hear what He has to say. In His Word there is life; for today, for tomorrow, and forever. May the Lord bless our Lenten meditation as we run to hear what Jesus has to say to us.

In Christ, our Savior,

Pastor Rusnak

# March 2014 Monthly Worksheet



**THIS MONTH'S ELDER**  
 Jerry Scherfenberg  
 218-678-2648



**USHERS**  
 Rolland Mihalko  
 Rose Mihalko



**GREETERS**  
 02<sup>nd</sup> Marge Berndt  
 09<sup>th</sup> NEEDED  
 16<sup>th</sup> Larry & Jessica Collison  
 23<sup>rd</sup> NEEDED  
 30<sup>th</sup> NEEDED



**FELLOWSHIP SERVERS**  
 02<sup>nd</sup> Rusnak Family  
 09<sup>th</sup> NEEDED  
 16<sup>th</sup> Larry & Jessica Collison  
 23<sup>rd</sup> NEEDED  
 30<sup>th</sup> NEEDED



Thank you to *everyone* who has given generously of their time this past year, volunteering at the many functions we have had at SOTL. It is so appreciated! We depend on your participation! Volunteers are needed in the coming months to serve as greeters and/or fellowship servers. Please see the bulletin board if you are able to help. You can always trade with someone else if need be, but please inform the Church Office so that the correct information can be printed in the bulletin.



Invite a Neighbor to Church

## This Month's Birthdays!

13<sup>th</sup> Barb Scherfenberg  
 14<sup>th</sup> David Drahosh  
 Bill Eno  
 18<sup>th</sup> Janel Forte  
 24<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Guetzkow



03<sup>rd</sup> Larry & Jessica Collison



*Happy Birthday!*

05<sup>th</sup> Sabrina Drahosh  
 12<sup>th</sup> Brooklyne O'Neil  
 30<sup>th</sup> Thomas Gustin

In an effort to support and build one another up to the glory of God (Romans 15.1-7), we include in our monthly newsletters birthday and anniversary dates for members and friends of the congregation. If you would like us to include your birthday and/or anniversary or if our information needs to be corrected, please contact our Church Secretary, Sue Raddatz. Thank you!



## **This Month's Altar Guild**

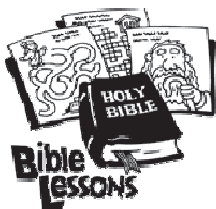


Barb Scherfenberg



**Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

# SOTL News for March 2014



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus promised: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31). Join us as we study the Word of God together:

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets at 8:30a.m. each week.

**Bible Breakfast** meets at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday mornings to read through the Bible. We meet at the Spotlight Café during the winter months.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:30 a.m. each week. We are currently studying the Gospel according to Matthew.

Please see the bulletin board for updated information on each Bible study.



**Office Hours:** Pastor is available throughout the week for pastoral care and counsel. The Church Secretary is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am to 2:00pm. The Church office will be closed on Fridays.



**Prayer Requests:** If you have someone or something that you would like Pastor Rusnak 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



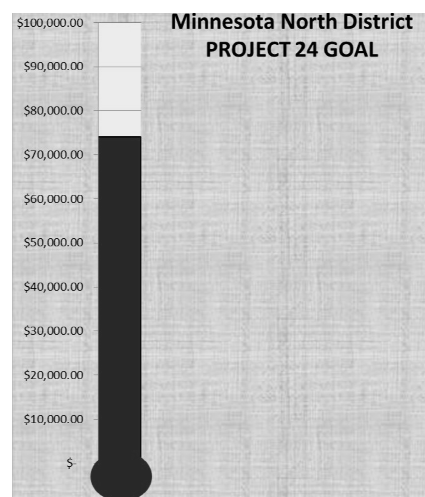
receive pastoral care when it is needed, especially during times of sickness or other difficulty. If you know of an individual, even if it is a non-member, who would appreciate and benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Rusnak.



**PASTOR ON VACATION:** Pastor Rusnak and the family will go on vacation from March 21<sup>st</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup>. While Pastor is gone Guest Pastor, Rev. Paul Biegner will lead our Sunday Bible Studies, the Sunday services and the midweek Lenten service, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need anything while pastor is away please contact an Elder or the church secretary.



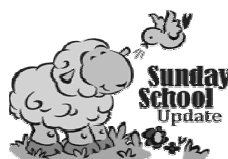
## The Minnesota North District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



Received to date (1/31/2014):

For Project 24

\$79,356.10



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. with teacher Marie Nelson! All children are welcome!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Confirmation classes are underway. If you have a child who would like to participate, please contact Pastor.



Basic Goal \$1,350,000  
 [\$900,000 Lutheran Island Camp;  
 \$450,000 International Projects]  
 Year-To-Date (1/2/14)  
 Pledges: \$641,918.27  
 Cash Received: \$571,199.83



## Lent begins

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014

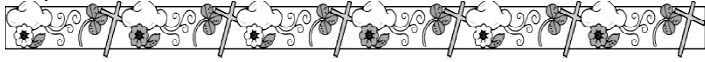
**SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE'S WEBSITE:** Check us out on the web at [www.shepherdofthelake.org](http://www.shepherdofthelake.org). You can access sermons, pictures, announcements and more.



**SHEPHERD'S LAMBS:** All young families of Shepherd of the Lake and the community are welcome to join us as we gather each month at church for a Bible study, craft, and fellowship. We also enjoy fun outings such as swimming and mini-golfing, and seasonal activities like trunk or treat, an Easter egg hunt, passing out May baskets to the homebound, and a Christmas program and party. Please contact Julie Rusnak if you have any questions.



**RUBY'S PANTRY:** Everyone who eats qualifies: \$15 cash donation; bring your own boxes or basket for the food. This is a hand up not a hand out and is not income based. Please check out the bulletin board for information on when Ruby's Pantry is going in Brainerd and/or Onamia.



**PROJECT 24:** These gifts go toward the three orphanage rescue centers promised through the District Conventions of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts. Minnesota North members should write their checks to the "**Minnesota North District**" and designate the funds for "**Project 24.**" Each of the Districts will forward these gifts on to the Synod Office of International Missions (World Relief and Human Care). Each of the three rescue centers is approximately \$65,000.

The Convention Resolution encourages congregations of the Minnesota North District to hold a "Project 24 Sunday" each year for the next three years in order to raise the necessary funds to build 1 1/2 rescue centers. The goal is \$100,000 to accomplish this. As a demonstration of Witness, Mercy and Life Together, the North Dakota and Minnesota North Districts will partner together to build three rescue centers (orphanages): one by North Dakota (Witness); one by Minnesota North (Mercy); and, one together (Life Together).



**RIDES FOR HEALTH:** The Cancer Support Center, Inc. provides transportation to anyone of any age in the Aitkin County that does not have someone to take them to medical appointments. These appointments must be medically necessary (medical, eye, dental), but do not need to be cancer related. Please check the bulletin board for more information or call (218) 927-4077.



**LADIES AID/LWML ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Ladies will be taking off March as so many will be away during this time. We will see you again in April.



**Vision Statement:**

*Share the Gospel*

**Our Mission:**

*We will share the GOSPEL as we ....*

- Glorify God in all that we say and do*
- Offer Him our time, talents, & treasures*
- Share the good news of Jesus*
- Pray without ceasing*
- Engage the community*
- Love one another*



**EMERGENCY CHURCH CLOSING:** During this time of year, emergency cancelation of worship services due to inclement weather will be decided by Pastor and the Elder of the month. Members can either call the Pastor about cancellations or listen to one of two radio stations: KKIN 94.3 FM and KLKS 104.3 FM. In general, members are invited to use their own discretion when deciding to attend a service during this time of year.



**RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS:** We are accepting all donations of empty and recyclable aluminum cans to support our Sunday school program. Please bag the cans and bring the bags to the trailer beside the garage. Thanks!



**Y.I. CLUB:** *Where saving money is fun and helps other learn about Jesus.* Calling all Little Lambs, Mission Builders and World Changers! Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is introducing the Young Investors (Y.I.) Club to help children and teens save for the future while helping others learn about Jesus! Please check out the bulletin board for more information.



Let us



## Welcome!

### James William Rusnak

At 1:54pm Friday, February 14, 2014, James William Rusnak was born. He weighs 5 lbs., 13.5 oz. and is 19.5 inches long. We thank the Lord of Life for this precious gift and praise Him that mother and child are both doing very well. Thank you for your prayers! We are anxious for you to meet James soon! James will be baptized on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Shepherd of the Lake.

*Pastor Rusnak and Julie*



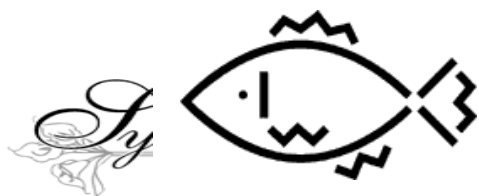
**GARRISON CAREGIVERS:** Winter is here and the snowbirds have flown. The Food Shelf and Thrift Store in Garrison are looking for volunteers. This is a great opportunity for Shepherd of the Lake members to serve our community. Please prayerfully consider serving. The Thrifty Store could use more items to sell, so if you have any items and/or clothing that you would like to donate, please bring them down.



**LENTEN SEASON:** This year, our Lenten services will begin on March 5<sup>th</sup> with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. We invite everyone to come! Potluck suppers will be served at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to participate, please help in setting up and cleaning up each week. For more information, see the enclosed flyer. Thank you.



**ANNUAL SMELT FRY:** This year the Smelt Fry will be on Saturday, April 26, 2014 and will be held at the VFW in Garrison. Bob & Robin Rubbelke and the Stewardship Committee will be putting this event together. They are asking that you mark this date on your calendar. We will be setting up at the VFW on Friday and help will be needed as well. Thank you for all your support for this church event.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Gordon Root, who entered the Church Triumphant on January 24, 2014. May our good and gracious Father comfort Jean and the rest of Gordon's family during this difficult time. Our prayers and sympathy is extended to them all.



**LABELS PROGRAM:** The Ladies Aid are still collecting Campbell's soup labels, GM Box tops for education, milk bottle caps, cancelled stamps and pop can tops. They will collect these items and give them to the different organizations that use them. The VFW will take the used stamps but ask that you keep a quarter inch of the envelope with them. If you have any questions, please contact Marge Berndt or Elaine Drahosh.



**FOOD COLLECTION:** The Garrison Caregivers are asking for your help once again this March to restock their shelves. This event is a great success because of your donations. Please bring the following items to the church and place them by the wooden cross in the fellowship hall. Items Needed:

- ✓ Soups, chili, stew, crackers, peanut butter & jelly
- ✓ Paper products, toiletries, and soap
- ✓ Canned fish, meat, veggies and fruit
- ✓ Macaroni and cheese, etc.
- ✓ Cereal, pudding, jell-o, snacks, cake and muffin mixes
- ✓ Juice, etc.

Your help will be greatly appreciated!



**UPDATING THE CHURCH RECORDS:** We need everyone's help with updating our church records. If you no longer have a land phone and only use a cell phone, we would like to have your cell number for our records, if you wish for it to remain private let us know and we will not print it in the directory. If your address has changed (for summer or winter) please let us know so we have your current information in our files.

We would also like to make sure all our information is right on your birth dates and anniversary dates so we have it correct in our paperwork.

Thank you for all your help in this matter.





### Personal Care Kits

*"On behalf of the congregations and community, we thank the Lord Almighty and our Christian brothers and sisters who donated these items for which we have been in need of. We pray that God will continue to bless them in all their undertakings."*

– Amed Kaimapoh of Calvary Lutheran Church in Freetown, Sierra Leone

When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a tooth-brush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

#### What to Include

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- ×1 One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended
- ×2 Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- ×1 One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ×1 One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ×1 One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. *\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

*You will find a basket by the wooden cross in the Fellowship Hall. We will collect from Ash Wednesday thru Palm Sunday.*



### CABBAGE From the

*A recipe from...*

Marion Holmes

### SALAD kitchen of:

- 1 medium head of Cabbage
- Onion

- Carrots
- Green Pepper

Mix in bowl; top with 7/8 cup Sugar.

Bring to boil:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 c. Vinegar     | 1 tsp. Salt        |
| 3/4 c. Salad Oil | 1 tsp. Dry Mustard |
| 2 tsp. Sugar     | 1 tsp. Celery Salt |

Pour over cabbage. Let stand 4 to 6 hours.

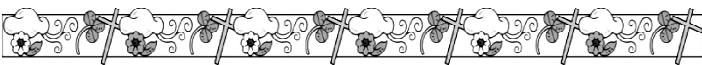


### CABBAGE HOT DIST

From the kitchen of: *Unknown*

- 1 ¼ lb. Hamburger
- ¼ c. Brown Sugar, packed
- 1 large Onion, chopped
- 1 tbsp. Paprika
- 1 sm. to med. head of cabbage (about 6 or 7 c. coarsely shredded)
- Salt, Pepper, and Garlic Salt to taste
- 1 can (15 oz.) Tomato Sauce
- 3 tbsp. Vinegar
- ¼ tsp. Celery Seed (optional)

Brown hamburger and onion, add remaining ingredients and simmer slowly about one hour in large skillet. This is delicious served with hot rolls.



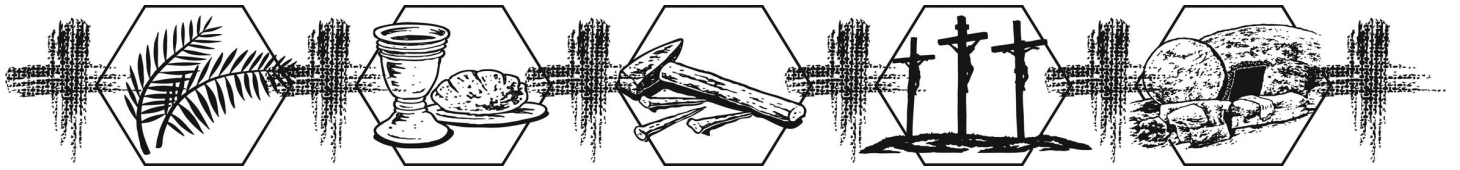
### BAKED BEEF AND CABBAGE CASSEROLE

From the kitchen of: *Unknown*

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 lb. Hamburger       | Pepper to taste                 |
| 1 med. Onion, chopped | 1 sm. Cabbage, shredded         |
| Oil for frying        | (about 5 ½ to 6 cups)           |
| ½ c. uncooked rice    | 1 c. tomatoes, juice or soup    |
| 1 tsp. Salt           | 2 c. Water & Beef Bouillon Cube |

Shred cabbage coarsely. Spread half in buttered casserole. Heat oil in fry pan, add beef, onion, rice, salt and pepper. Cook and stir together but do not brown, about 10 minutes. Spoon mixture over cabbage. Top with remaining cabbage. Heat tomatoes with water and bouillon cube to boiling and pour over all. Cover and bake at 350° for 1 hour or until cabbage is tender.

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



**2014**

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

***Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m.***

*This Year's Theme:*

***"Words of Life from the Cross"***

Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>—The Pardoning Word—Luke 23:34

March 12<sup>th</sup>—The Promising Word—Luke 23:43

March 19<sup>th</sup>—The Faithful Word—Matthew 27:46

March 26<sup>th</sup>—The Compassionate Word—John 19:26-27

April 1<sup>st</sup>—The Suffering Word—John 19:28

April 9<sup>th</sup>—The Dying Word—Luke 23:46

Maundy Thurs. April 17<sup>th</sup>—The Remembering Word—1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Good Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>—The Fulfilled Word—John 19:30

Easter Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>—The Vindicated Word—Luke 24:1-12

**& POTLUCK SUPPERS**

**5:00 p.m.**

Starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>—through April 9<sup>th</sup> we would like to invite you to come and enjoy a potluck supper - good food and fellowship! This year we are asking for your help in setting up and cleaning up for the potlucks as we have discontinued our groups. Please have your dish to the kitchen by 5:00 p.m. Thank You!

Easter Sunday we will offer an Easter Breakfast between the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. Please watch for the March newsletter for more information.



**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

# **SMELT FRY**

**Sponsored by  
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church**

**ON**

**Saturday,  
April 26, 2014**

**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!**

**Hope to see you**



**there!!**