

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 2, 2019

*Hello and welcome to Good Shepherd! We're glad you're here!
May you experience the love of Christ and feel His presence during worship today.*

I MAY BE REACHING A BIT HERE ...

... But "**Reach**" has been on my mind lately. Last summer with a group of people from Good Shepherd we landed on *Reaching*. "Reach" continues, not only to be on my mind, but I find it continues to shape my thinking toward ministry in this place. Reaching *In*; Reaching *Out*; and Reaching *Across* end up being a measure and a lens for looking at ministry and what we are striving to achieve.

As I sit here in the middle of **February 2019** I have been taking time to look back, look at where we are, and what is coming in the near future. And I have to say I am encouraged. I see people taking initiative in all three of our reaches (**In, Out, and Across**). We have taken some steps forward in each area, and presently I see motion in a good direction. That is a blessing to my heart.

But looking at the past and the present are not all that is encouraging. I am excited for where we are headed coming into Lent, Holy Week and Beyond. I don't know how everything will turn out. I'm sure there will be bumps in the road ahead (this is Pittsburgh after all), but I see the opportunity for even more reaches ahead of us.

Please get ready for Lent. **A five week session of Life Groups** will take us on a little journey with Ezekiel through **The Valley of Dry Bones**. Whether you join a life group or not, I invite you to spend some time in **Ezekiel 37** beginning now and thru March. Try to get in Ezekiel's sandals. Hear how he interacts with God, or how God interacts with him. Either way, let his interaction touch your life and your relationship with God. We have an awesome God.

And please begin praying now for our **51/49 mission focus** from Transfiguration Sunday thru Easter (March 10 - April 21). Allow the Holy Spirit to touch us and move us in step with Jesus and draw us into Jesus' heart. Over these next months you will have time to give financial support, prayer support and maybe even get hands on involved with some area ministry and mission. Let's see where God moves us.

And a theme you will be hearing from now till Easter is: "**It's Not Business; It's Personal.**" From Jesus journey to Jerusalem, to his time on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, it was a personal love for you and me that was his joy and motivation. May we become a little less business, and a little more personal with our Jesus as we approach this Easter celebration.

- Pastor Tim

LAST WEEK (FEB. 17TH) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERINGS \$3,197.00 AND ATTENDANCE (58-8:30; 35-10:45)

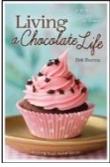
**** Remember to sign the welcome pad during the service. It is located on the pew near the center aisle.
Pass it down for all to sign, then return it to its original location. ****

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers are placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of Bill Kratz (husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather).

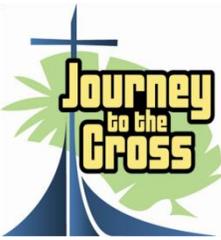
The LWML would like to **thank everyone for attending the Chili Cook-off**. The variety of chili to sample was amazing! Thank you to all those who setup, cleaned up, prepared food, taste-tested, and voted on their favorite recipe! We look forward to the cook-off again next year!

Life Groups will be happening for **5 weeks** in Lent **starting Sunday, March 10th**. The discussions will correlate with the five week sermon series based on Ezekiel 37. We have 5 groups which you can join. Check out the *sign-ups in the narthex or via the website* (<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/life-groups/>)



Living a Chocolate Life is a **Women's Bible study** that warmly invites all to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether you're sampling bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds you that the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior—and it is only He who can truly satisfy. **The next session will be on Saturday, March 2nd at 10:30am in the Youth Room.** See Joan Krueger for more information.

The Lenten Season is fast approaching. **Ash Wednesday** is March 6th. Join us in the Sanctuary for a **Worship Service at 10am or 7pm**. There will also be a **Soup Supper** in the Fellowship Hall beginning at **6:15pm**, hosted by the Youth.



Good Shepherd will be hosting **Journey to the Cross**, a Holy Week learning experience at **noon on Good Friday, April 19th**.

We need some great volunteers to make our *Journey* as meaningful as possible, and we're hoping that you will help. Please prayerfully consider serving our church as Actors, Station Helpers, Meet-and-Greet Volunteers, Tour Guides and more.

For more information about ways in which you might contribute to the *Journey*, please see the *sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Larry Krueger* at 724.816.5105 or via email to larrykrueger@verizon.net.



The **21st Annual Christian Athlete Recognition Breakfast** is being held **Saturday, March 2, 9am at Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park**. Local high school juniors and seniors who have a strong faith commitment and Christian lifestyle, excellence in athletics, and strong academics are honored at this event. **Congratulations to award recipients Sean Thurston and Tyler Zeman!** *If you are interested in attending the event, tickets may be purchased ahead of time online*

(<https://www.christumc.net/cab>) or at the door for \$10 each.



The **Preschool Sarris Candy Fundraiser** has begun. *Order forms are available in the narthex.* Orders and payment may be place in the designated box in the church office **through Sunday, March 10th**. The candy will be delivered to the church on Thursday, April 4th.

OTHER CHURCH NEWS – PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

- *Concordia of the South Hills Open House:* Sunday February 24 and Monday, February, 25, 1-3pm
- *TobyMac Hits Deep Tour 2019:* Saturday, March 23 – Petersen Events Center, 7pm
- *Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends* (April 5-7; April 26-28; October 11-13; November 1-3)
- *Camp Pioneer:* Taste of Pioneer (Mar. 10); Family Camp and Sundays at Pioneer (June-August)

ON THE CALENDAR (2/24–3/2):

Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship
Monday	7p	Education Discussion // Boy Scouts
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	1p 5:30p	In Home Women's Bible Study Soccer Shots
Friday	7p	Plastic Model Society
Saturday	9:00a 9:30a 10:30a 1p	Bells Soccer Shots Women's Bible Study Private Use of Fellowship Hall
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****During the Worship Services, Closed Circuit TV of the service is available in Room 11(Preschool Room, Red Door)****
**** If a person has difficulty hearing during the service, hearing receivers are available in the narthex.****