

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: MARCH 17 – MARCH 24, 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.*

THE WORD IS LIFE. THE WORD GIVES LIFE.

The discussion in our life group gathering on Wednesday brought to light the power that is the Word of God. Most importantly, Jesus IS the Word that is our salvation. His name alone saves us and makes us right with God. Talking about Jesus is nice, but taking on the Name of Jesus gives life which cannot be taken away. If Jesus name is not written on your heart, then I invite you to get face to face with him right now and allow him in. Allow him to be your Savior and your Lord.

And as you speak Jesus, I invite you to not just speak about him, or about his word, but to actually speak his word and speak His Name. It is in the name and the Word of Jesus that amazing things happen. Lives are saved and transformed.

When God told Ezekiel to speak to the dry bones, he did not tell him to talk about what God said, but told him to speak the very Word from God to those very dry bones. You see, this is the resurrection power which resides in you and me who believe in Jesus.

So the next time you are speaking faith with someone, listen to yourself. If you find yourself only going so far to talk *about* your church, or *about* Jesus, challenge yourself to speak Jesus and to speak His Word. But be careful, because when you speak God's words, you release resurrection power. Miraculous things happen. If you do not believe me, ask Ezekiel for yourself (Ezekiel 37:4-6 & 7) ...

... I don't know about you, but I want to see the spirit of Ezekiel active around me and in me.

- Pastor Tim

LAST WEEK (MAR. 10TH) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERINGS \$1,592.00 (3/6) AND \$4,343.00 (3/10)
ATTENDANCE: ASH WEDNESDAY, 3/6: 20-10AM & 93-7PM
SUNDAY, 3/10: 48-8:30AM & 48-10:45AM

***** 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. *****

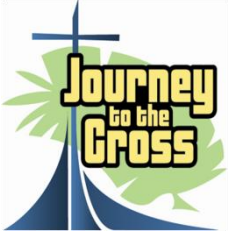
GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers are placed to the Glory of God by Ruth Johnson in loving memory of Donald P. Johnson.

Magazines and devotions available in the narthex include **Portals of Prayer for April, May, and June**, various **Lenten Devotions**, and the Spring edition of **Lutheran Women’s Quarterly**. What about the **Pittsburgh Lutheran** publication? If you recall, the this magazine became an *online* publication in 2018. The magazine is accessible here: <http://www.palmpa.org/pittsburgh-lutheran/>. If you would like to have the publication emailed to you individually, please contact the editor at Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com.

Thank you to Colleen McKerley from Light of Life Ministries for visiting with us today and sharing about the programs Light of Life offers and enlightening us with the opportunities to get involved and be hands on in volunteering with this mission. There are brochures available on the table in the narthex with additional information.

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.

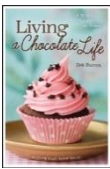
For more information about ways in which you might contribute to the *Journey*, please see the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the hallway or via the website (<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/journey-to-the-cross/>) or contact Larry Krueger at

724.816.5105 or via email to larryakrueger@verizon.net.

Interested in ordering **Easter Flowers** to beautify the chancel? Choices include Lily, Chrysanthemum, Hyacinth, and Tulip. Flowers are \$10 each. Order forms are available in the narthex. **Orders are due today** to meet the florist’s deadline.

Life Groups have started, meeting at various times and locations during the week. If you are interested, check out the notice on the bulletin board next to the church office and contact a host or leader.

The Preschool **Scholastic Book Fair Family Night** is this **Thursday, March 21, 5-8pm**. The International Cookie Walk associated with this event has been cancelled, but light refreshments will be available. Questions, please contact the Director (412-884-9690 or preschool@goodshepherdpittsburgh.org).



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, April 6th at 10:30am in the Youth Room**. See Joan Krueger for more information.

If you are you a **Thrivent Member** you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars to be donated. 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated by March 31st. Both Good Shepherd Christian Preschool and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills are enrolled as recipients of Thrivent Choice Dollars. For more information, go to (<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>)

OTHER CHURCH NEWS – PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

- *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*: Family Camp and Sundays at Pioneer (June-August)

ON THE CALENDAR (3/17–3/24):

Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a 12p 5p	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship LWML Meeting Youth Night
Monday	7p	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	6p	Steel City Scrapper
Wednesday	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	5p	Preschool Scholastic Book Fair Family Night
Friday		
Saturday	9a 2-5p	Bells Private Use of Fellowship Hall
Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship

****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.****