

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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**WEEKLY TIDINGS: MARCH 31 – APRIL 7, 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.*

### **FROM A VALLEY OF DRY BONES TO A VAST ARMY OF GOD – MISSION 51/49 – IT'S NOT BUSINESS; IT'S PERSONAL**

Hopefully you are recognizing these three signposts on this Journey to the open tomb. I suggest that we take a moment to begin weaving them together. As I write this, know that these are only words printed on a page. Not until these words become flesh and bone, moved by the Spirit, do they carry any real weight. But as I write this I am reminded of Ezekiel's words, "And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to **its** bone."

And so I speak out to you to lean into these powerful words of God spoken through the voice of Ezekiel. Together we allow him to speak amazing, miraculous, God given life into us. And as we draw in that breath of the Spirit of Christ, together we stand as **an exceedingly great army**. If we are who God says we are, we are more than a friendly, little, family church located on Maxwell Drive in the South Hills. WE ARE an exceedingly great army. ... **Do you believe?**

If we are that exceedingly great army then **Mission 51/49 - 2019** is not *Mission Impossible*, but rather mission attainable through the strength of Jesus and the leading of the Spirit. We no longer vaguely hope we can impact lives for Jesus, but we go together as warriors, having put on the armour of God, to take our stand against the evil one. And breaking down strongholds, freeing people for the glory of our God. ... **Are you in? ... All in?**

So we ask you to *pray in the Spirit* to see if, and how exceedingly great, God is calling you to commit dollars, pesos, yen, gold or silver to bolster these people and ministries. Don't force it, wait for the Lord to direct. Tune your ears to His voice.

That is the business part. Personal business, but business nonetheless. For some of you, God is calling you to get your hands in the dirt, and meet people in the flesh. He is calling you to look in their eyes and speak face to face. "**It's Personal!**" If you don't believe me, then I invite you to walk to the foot of the cross. First look down in humble reverence. Then slowly lift your eyes. Don't rush past the feet. See the spike, driven through, holding his feet in place. Take note of the blood dripping from his body. Did you notice the flesh ripped from his ribs? Lips, parched, cracked, bleeding. Now look him in the eyes. Look close. Look deep. ... It IS personal. It is personal for Jesus. Is it personal for you?

Today, we hear from Rev. Reholma McCants. I assure you, for him, it is very personal. He has given years of his life to the children on the streets. I don't see him holding much back, he is all in. And he is helping us to touch them. Is God asking you for **your** reach? Do you see the child in need of a loving touch? Will you be the person to expend a few hours to give to these young children? ... This is where it gets personal. Be Blessed .... And be the blessing.

- Pastor Tim

**LAST WEEK (MAR. 24TH) AT GOOD SHEPHERD:** OFFERINGS \$5,353.88 AND ATTENDANCE (68-8:30; 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. \*\***

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:**

Larry Krueger, Jack Sincek, Martha Legates, Deanna Corporon, Joe Morgan, Sammy Langol, Families of the victims of the New Zealand shooting, Alex, the Levino Family, Jim & Mary Hesse, Brenden, Steve and Sarah Grack and Family, Jennifer Meyer, Lois Christ, Andrew Thomasson, Karen and Dave Razumic, elderly father of Alice Meyer and the Meyer family, Alec, Frank Rawson, Bonnie, Carol, Rachel Bricker, Ann Malone, Nan Nedlick, John Oldroyd and Family, Kathi Kuskie, Joe Lynn, Owen Meyers, David Hesse, John Simpson, Lynda and Larry Beiter, Mark Centrone, Emily Lebovitz, Art Maksin, Diane Barker, Barratti Family, Sherri Horton, Cheyenne Ignat, Tillie Koerth, Crystal Mason, Don Richards, Pam Spechtold, Will Yanko, Christi, Sharon O, Nancy Edmundson, Robert Hartung, Ella Mae Held, Evie Jones, Rose Marie Koehnke, Alma Krueger, Shirley McClain, Rose Spencer, Joan Steigerwald, Joan Uhrinak

**\*\*New prayer requests may be given to the office or written in the Prayer Book located in the narthex. \*\*  
\*\*Please help us keep the list up to date. If you submitted a name, please call and give the office an update.\*\***



Mar.31	–	Rachel Schaar Jane Watkins
Apr. 2	–	Alex Barkell Maddie Thurston
Apr. 3	–	Barbara Hentsch
Apr. 6	–	Rebekah Johnston

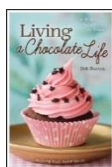
### GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chancel Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God by the Johnston and Moore-Gray Families in honor of Rebekah Johnston's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Portals of Prayer for April, May, and June** are available in the narthex.

The **51/49 Campaign continues!** Hopefully you are learning more about yourself, about your place in God's plan, and your place in Good Shepherd's community - in prayer, in study, and in giving. The past few weeks, the words of Ezekiel and the goals of the 51/49 Campaign have correlated so well, but particularly today. As we delve further into Ezekiel's words on the hope for the unity of God's people, we learn more about the continuing efforts of Unity Lutheran Mission to bring love, compassion, and understanding to the youth of Homewood. Good Shepherd has supported this mission over the years in time and in gifts. Open your hearts and minds today to a continuation of this work.

Good Shepherd will be leading a **Journey to the Cross** on **Good Friday, April 19th at Noon**. This will be a true experience, of learning, of feeling, and of greater understanding of Jesus' experiences during the week from Palm Sunday to Easter. All ages will be able to learn and grow from this hour-long journey, so plan to attend! Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help make this event a success. Just a few spots remain, so if you wish to be involved, contact Larry Krueger at 724.816.5105 or via email at [larrykrueger@verizon.net](mailto:larrykrueger@verizon.net).



*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 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Youth Room.** See Joan Krueger for more information.

The **LWML Spring Rally is Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** at Ascension Lutheran Church in the North Hills. Registration begins at 10am, and the cost is \$10. More details are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Carol Kagemann is going to the rally, so if anyone is interested in carpooling, contact Carol (412-721-4515).

**Light of Life Ministries** is holding an **Open House on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10a-2p. If you are interested in carpooling and joining others from Good Shepherd to visit this ministry, please contact the office.

The Youth will again be hosting the **Easter Breakfast**. Sign-up to attend on the sheet in the narthex or electronically (<https://forms.gle/RPesMNIhZnrEcSQA>). Funds raised from the freewill donation will go towards the trip to the National Youth Gathering in July. To reach their goal, an additional \$2,000 is needed.

The **LWML Annual Garage Sale** will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2019**. Clean out your closets, attics, and drawers and let us sell your stuff for you! *We will accept anything other than clothing and TVs. You can bring items starting the day after Easter and place them on the stage.* It would be really helpful if you price them because we will have only a short window to get ready this year. Thank you for your support.

One of the Thrivent Action Teams recently granted is one to grow our **greeting card ministry** to our shut-ins and hospitalized members as well as visitors. As part of this ministry, we will be making some handcrafted greeting cards. *If you have any questions or are interested in participating in this outreach mission, please contact Rita Winker (412/884-2115) or Ruth Johnson (412/650-9580).* No prior cardmaking experience is necessary.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)** brings Christ to the nations and the nations to the church. LHM has launched SENT, a 5-year global initiative to proclaim the Gospel. Information about the SENT initiative and how you can help to share the Good News is available in the narthex or on their website ([www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)).

### OTHER CHURCH NEWS – PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

- *Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends* (April 5-7; April 26-28; October 11-13; November 1-3)
- *Fishing Derby for Kids sponsored by Concordia Lutheran Ministries:* Saturday, May 11, 8am-2pm
- *Camp Pioneer:* Family Camp and Sundays at Pioneer (June-August)
- *Faith Night at the Pirates:* Saturday, June 22, 4:05pm

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### ON THE CALENDAR (3/31–4/7):

Sunday	7:45a // 8:30a // 9:50a // 10:45a	Choir // Traditional Worship with Communion // Bible Hour // Modern Worship
Monday	7p	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	6p	Steel City Scrappers
Wednesday	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	5:30p	Soccer Shots
Friday	6p 7p	Preschool Board Meeting Plastic Model Society
Saturday	9a 9:30a 10:30a	Bells Soccer Shots Women's Bible Study
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