

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:
A welcoming, Christ-centered, community.**



**Welcome to Good Shepherd
Presbyterian Church
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Celebration of Worship

The great Presbyterian pastor George Buttrick, says of the Parable of the Last Judgement, "there is no finer writing in the Gospel, and no finer truth." Jesus tells a story contrasting fake faith with authentic faith. It seems the key is who sought to serve Jesus amongst the least of these! Well, I'd be embarrassed to recount the times I had a chance to help but failed to put my faith into action. I hope that I have matured in faith over time and serving in Jesus' name has become more automatic. I believe Jesus is teaching the danger that comes when one becomes callously content with inaction and self righteousness.

PRELUDE.....Pianist April Barnes

*CALL TO WORSHIP (**Psalm 18:1-3**).....Liturgist Lori Jones

Liturgist: Let us gather in the presence of our God,
who calls us to see the face of Christ in
everyone we meet.



**People: With open hearts, we come ready to see,
to serve, and to love.**

Liturgist: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me drink."

**People: Lord, help us to provide for those in need, sharing
our bread with the hungry.**

Liturgist: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

**People: May the doors of our hearts be open to clothe those
we meet with dignity and love.**

**All: Amen. Let our lives be an offering, a living worship
that pleases You, O LORD, for the sake of Jesus.**

*HYMN "**Here I Am to Worship**" (on screen)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION (Special Guest)

BAPTISM of Estefani "Stef" Yasmin Warrick

.....Elder Peggy Moeller & The Reverend Jeff Warrick



*HYMN Purple Hymnal #482 "**Baptized in Water**"

Presentation

Profession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth.**

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Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

People: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy †catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. - Amen.

Note: †catholic here denotes the whole or universal Christian Church



Thanksgiving Over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . . - Amen.

The Baptism

*Welcome & Passing of the Peace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Joani Szudlo



ANTHEM "*Blessed Assurance Medley*" GSPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Liturgist Lori Jones

Scripture: **Matthew 25:31-46** (Pew Bible pgs. 1642-1643)

SERMON "*Faith Inaction or Faith In Action*"

*HYMN Purple Hymnal #727 "*The Servant Song*" (verses 1-4)

*BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE.....Pianist April Barnes

Note: *Those able to stand are invited to do so.



The Faith in Action Team invites you to join us in a HYGIENE DRIVE to support the Lincoln Hygiene Network during the month of April.

Lincoln Hygiene Network, formally known to us as Poverty Impact Network, continues to provide hygiene/personal care products to those who are experiencing financial hardship, distributing products at no cost to at least 25 direct service programs and organizations, such as Eastridge Food Pantry, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, Friendship Home, Center Pointe, and LPS. New in 2024, LHN has added a Sr. Hygiene Closet Program providing hygiene products to individuals 55+ at four partner agencies: Asian Community & Cultural Center, Barnabas Community, Good Neighbor Community Center, and Ponca Tribe Nebraska.

A collection bin has been placed in the Sanctuary by the Hospitality Center to collect donations of new, unopened basic hygiene and personal care products of all sizes.

The most requested items are Shampoo, Deodorant, and Lotion, but they also accept donations of Toothpaste, Bar/Liquid Soap, Disposable Razors/Shaving Cream, Finger/Toenail Clippers, Chapstick, Conditioner and Feminine Hygiene Products, Laundry Detergent Sheets, and Washcloths.

Please support our HYGIENE DRIVE if able, and help make a difference to people in need in our Lincoln/Lancaster County area.

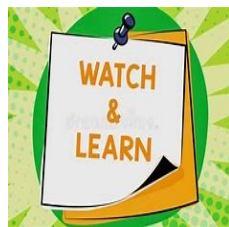


April 16th - Circle meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will study Lesson 7 from our study book, "Sacred Encounters – The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ In Luke and Acts."

Join Homestead Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, April 16th at 6 p.m. at Breda Fresh Express Cafe, located on the corner of 33rd and Pioneers Blvd. in Lincoln to meet Eliana Elias. Eliana is the executive director of Minge Peru, an organization in the Peruvian Amazon that works to empower women in remote Amazonian villages. More information is provided on the PW bulletin board near the parlor.

**WATCH & LEARN
(SUMMER SAUSAGE) CLASS
APRIL 20TH**

Please join us on Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. for a watch and learn class taught by Karen Heusel. She will demonstrate how to make summer sausage from an old family recipe. Each person will be given a copy of this delicious recipe. **We will meet in the church kitchen** at 10:00 a.m. on April 20th. **Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary – hope to see you there.** ...Congregational Outreach Team





Please join us for the all Church Movie in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 21 starting at 2:00 p.m. The doors will open at 1:45. Please feel free to invite friends and bring a snack to share. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. We will be showing the Sight and Sound Theatres' - **“Jonah.”**

You will be on the edge of your seat as the Bible’s most lovably stubborn character comes to life – Jonah! This record-breaking production of the reluctant prophet with cold feet has thrilled audiences with its delightful humor, soul-stirring music, spectacular sets, amazing costumes, and breathtaking underwater scene featuring a huge 40-foot whale with a big appetite! But ultimately, it’s the message of Jonah that steals the show: the love of God is always seeking to give someone another chance."

Contact Dee Hughes with questions: gspcyouthne@gmail.com

SPRING KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

We will be cleaning out the refrigerator and freezer in the kitchen. Please have everything removed or have a “keep” label on it by April 30th. Anything that is expired, opened or not labeled will be thrown out. Also, to defrost the freezer, all items will need to be removed. We can put them in the refrigerator while defrosting but if you need them to remain frozen, other arrangements will need to be made. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this area.



....Congregational Outreach

COME ONE COME ALL MAY 4TH (8:00 - 12:00)

We have scheduled our Spring Clean Up Day for **Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 – 12:00**. We have a few planned tasks to complete inside such as dusting, wiping down base boards and cleaning windows as well as the usual outside activities.

There are chores for all skill levels so don't be shy. We always have a great time working together to make our church an inviting place to worship and praise God.

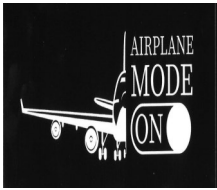
**Attention Good Shepherd Family:
Nursery Attendant Needed. Paid position!**

Please contact Shawn Mousel or Pastor Jeff

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**



Help us do something nice for our neighbors. On Wed. May 1st, the Faith in Action Team will be delivering May Baskets to our neighborhood. Please help. Arrive at the church between 5:30-5:45 for pizza then we head out to deliver the baskets filled with goodies. See Tammy Rikli, Maggie Horak or Pastor Jeff for more info.



EMF Sensitivity (health issues caused by electromagnetic fields from electronics) is a growing problem in our ever more electronically connected world. It is estimated that up to 5% of the population experiences some form of EMF sensitivity. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue,

nausea, dizziness, anxiety, irritability, "brain fog," itchy or burning skin, and tinnitus among others. Our pianist, April, experiences significant EMF sensitivity. Your help by setting your cell phone to airplane mode or off for the duration of the service is kind of you and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART is now posted on the North door at the back of the sanctuary. Please help to enhance our worship services by providing fresh flowers for Sunday mornings throughout the year. Is there a special occasion you'd like to celebrate or recognize? Someone you wish to remember or honor? Any occasion is a good reason to bring flowers to worship! Thanks! ...Worship Team



Praises & Prayer Requests
Deacon on Call (Apr. 14-27 - Sharon Buss;
Apr. 28-May11 - Heidi Schmal)

... For those with cancer

* Heavenly Father, We come before You today to lift up **Gary Willey**, who is facing surgery on April 17th in Omaha to treat bladder cancer. Lord, in Your mercy, wrap Gary in Your comforting presence as he prepares for this surgery. Guide the hands of the surgeons and medical team with precision, that the surgery may be successful and free from complication. Strengthen and surround Gary and his loved ones with Your love and support. We thank You Lord in advance for healing. In Jesus' name, we pray. - Amen.

Please continue the prayers for **Vet Beyeler, brother of Ivette Bender**, as his chemotherapy schedule for lymphoma has changed to once monthly for four months with the last treatment. scheduled in August. This is due to the increase of cancer. Prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Continued prayers for **Therese Spencer, niece of Gary & Karen Heusel**, who recently had a mastectomy for breast cancer. Following surgery it was determined the cancer had spread and an additional surgery would be required before chemotherapy can be started. Please pray for healing and comfort for **Therese** as well as comfort for **John and family**.

Please continue to lift up **Lori Jones** in comfort and healing as she deals with a cancer diagnosis. Thank you for your prayers

..... For those with other health concerns

* My surgery went well and I have very little pain. Thanks for all your prayers. No further treatment is the simple outcome we prayed for. Praise God!**Kitty Fynbu**

We continue to lift up **Mike, Sally Docter's nephew**, suffering from ALS, who has been moved to a skilled care facility, Emerald Lancaster. He continues to suffer with several broken ribs from a recent fall. Since he can't talk it is hard for him to communicate. He can still text on his special phone but it is getting harder for him and slower. Please pray he will be able to continue to text as long as possible. Thanks so much for the continued prayers.

Continued prayers for **Carolyn Dietz** as she recuperates at home from a recent fall.

Continued prayers for **Alice, mother of Maggie Horak, sister of Vera Karl**, who is facing a time of great challenge in declining health. We ask for the Lord's hand to be upon her, offering comfort, strength, and peace as she transitions into hospice care. Grant wisdom and compassion and energy to her caregivers, that they may be instruments of the Lord's grace and provide the care and comfort she needs.

Continued prayers for **Linda Bitney** who is now receiving care at the Grace Space, 1740 Superior Street, Lincoln, NE 68521. Cards are appreciated.

..... For those who mourn

Please continue to lift up in your prayers, **Mary Stout and family**, who are mourning the tragic loss of three loved ones, **Mary's daughter-in-law, Jennifer's, father Ron and his son and daughter-in-law Josh and Patrica Milano**, who died in a car accident in Kansas on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....Levi Rikli
Greeters.....Stan & Sally Docter
Ushers.....Wayne Worm, Paul & Betty Bartlett
Offering Counters.....Dawn Bonness & Janet Latimer

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, April 14th - Cookie Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming -
Estefani Warrick Baptism

Monday, April 15th

11:30 a.m. Church Lunch Ladies @
Stauffer's Café

3:00 p.m. Bridge Card Club
(Sheryl Hudgins Home, 3415 Cape Charles Rd., W.)

6:30-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
(Lower Level Classroom 108)

Tuesday, April 16th

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch Bible Study
(Lower Level Classroom #102)

1:00 p.m. P.W. Circle Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, April 17th

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Pitch Card Club (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Evening Pitch Card Club (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18th

6:00-8:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 20th

10:00 a.m. Watch & Learn Event (Church Kitchen)

Sunday, April 21st

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming -
Hudson Egger Baptism

