What if?
A Lenten Look At Thinking About God...And You
The “What Ifs” of Faith
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Lorraine Anderson
Astrid Ongstad
Thank You Good Shepherd!

Our thanks go to all the great people at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church who prayed for us, sent cards, flowers and get-well wishes. We give thanks to Pastor Tim for his visits and bringing Communion and to Pastor Craig for his visit to us while Jean was in the hospital. We send thanks to Terri Camp for her visits and Communion and the prayer shawl given to us. Thank you to the Stephen Ministers for the special concern shown to us. Thanks to Judie and the office staff for their kindness, for the beautiful flowers that were delivered to us. A very special thank you for the youth “God Rocks” for baking all the Christmas cookies for the shut-ins. We really enjoyed them and they were delicious. God Bless you all.

-Jean and John Jacobsen

We are very thankful for the quarterly donation from Good Shepherd to the Abused Adult Resource Center. What a wonderful gift! We are grateful for your continued support and your donations help us continue to restore hope, build futures and change lives for women and children facing violence in our community.

-Diane Zainhofsky, Executive Director

Thank you for supporting Women of the ELCA with your recent gift. Excitement is building for our Ninth Triennial Gathering in Charlotte, NC, now only a few months away. Though the gathering happens once every three years, it is a celebration of what we do every day as a church wide women's organization, supporting bold and creative ministries that change lives.

-Linda Post Bushkofsky

Thank you for your recent gift to ELCA World Hunger. Your faithful generosity makes a life-changing difference for people in need around the corner and around the world. Your gift is greatly appreciated. The vision of ELCA World Hunger is to end hunger in our world. One community at a time. To neighbors near and far, gifts like yours bring not only help, but hope. Thank you.

-The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger

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February Statistics

Baptized
Ashley Marie Brenden
Owen James Martin
Hudson Michael Finck
Ryder Curtis Larson
Briley Jo Roecker
Max Fisher Desaye

Reaffirmation of Baptism
Jace Ryan Nicklos
Funerals
Marvin Erdmann
Corrine (Pat) Opdahl

March Readings

March 2:
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

March 9:
Genesis 2:15-17; 3-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 16:
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 23:
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 30:
I Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Several members of Good Shepherd traveled to El Salvador for a mission trip February 1-9. A few members had been there before while others experienced the rich culture, sweltering heat, and welcoming locals for the first time.

One returning traveler, Pastor Craig Schweitzer, noted a familiar yet unknown site that caught his attention in a new way.

“I’ve passed by the monument in this picture (right) each time I’ve been here, but never took time to notice it before,” he said.

“This monument greets you as you leave the San Salvador airport property and make your way into the city of San Salvador, El Salvador’s largest. It is of the Christ. In one hand Jesus is offering the sign for peace. In the other hand is a dove. The metal used to create this breathtaking piece of art is from weapons that Salvadorans used to kill one another during the Salvadoran Civil war. It’s a reminder of the horror of civil war and a lasting monument of hope for peace,” Pastor Schweitzer explained.

The saying in the middle of it reads, “La Paz Sea Com Vosotros,” which simply translates into English as, “Peace be with you.”
Greetings to all of you. Right now, it is nice and warm outside, but that is about to change. Hopefully, this newsletter will make you think spring. I know that I always feel a little better when the calendar changes to March. It is time to start thinking about getting my bike ready. We also have to turn our attention to Lent and the journey from darkness to light in so many ways. In my corner of the ministry here, this means getting our youth to immerse themselves in the Lenten journey. We will have lots of ways to do that. We are preparing the meals on Wednesdays this year. Thanks to those that have been involved in this in the past for their guidance. We will have confirmation groups, along with their parents, preparing the meals and cleaning up the kitchen afterwards. We will also have those serving folks in the Lynne Center as they dine just like in years past. I look forward to this as a great time to serve alongside one another.

Speaking of youth, of course, I have been having some great meetings with the confirmation youth and their parents. I am very grateful to all of you for taking the time to meet with me. There are several of you with whom I have yet to meet and I look forward to getting to those meetings. Please contact me and we can arrange a time. I would like to meet all of you. The meetings have yielded some great things to think about. One of the things that has come up is that we really need a time when lots of youth in this place can get together. Week nights are busy and it is hard to get lots of you together in one space. Sooo...I am thinking of having a youth ministry meeting on the second Sunday of every month. The meeting would be at 7 pm in the Lynne Center. We could attend The Well service and then stay for a meeting after that. Our time together would last until 8:30 and it would consist of Bible study based on the text that was read at The Well, followed by a business meeting, followed by a time of doing whatever we feel like doing. We would provide food and drink and stuff to do. I am hoping that lots of you could join us, even those of you that have drifted away. Come back, we are going to do some amazing things in this place, together.

I am eager to make connections with lots of our high school youth. In that respect, I have the DVDs from the confirmation service last October and I would like to personally hand them to the sophomores that got confirmed. Contact me and we can set something up.

Last, but never least, we need to start talking about the National Youth Gathering in Detroit in July of 2015. I have spoken to the people from our church-wide organization about the concern for security and I am pleased with their answers. You will be hearing lots about this in the coming months. This trip is open to all students that are exiting 9th through 12th grade in the summer of 2015. There is a lot going on. There are lots of changes coming. It is an exciting time here at GSLC. I am blessed to be a part of it and I am blessed by the presence of all of you on this journey.

Peace
Pastor Bob

Redeemed Active Disciples

By: Mike Jacobson, Senior High Minister

Have you been in the youth room lately? You may not recognize it if you haven’t. Not only has the room changed, but so has the youth presence. Our youth group has more than doubled in size, and is focused on creating a Christ focused ministry that they can be active with and proud of. The youth, with the help of junior, Emily Hintz, have created a new youth ministry called R.A.D. (Redeemed Active Disciples). Along with their new name, they have found a passage from God’s good book that exemplifies who they want to be in Christ’s church of GSLC. The passage comes from 1st Timothy 4:12, “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” The Holy Spirit is rocking with Good Shepherd’s youth, and they are excited to shower that love and passion to the congregation! Be ready, and God Bless!
A Note From Pastor Tim:

Giving in Good Shepherd

It's sort of a churchy stereotype to suggest that all churches really do is ask for money. If that's a churchy tradition, Good Shepherd hasn't heard about it yet. I'll take some blame for that. Let me share some information about where we are financially, what is possible for Good Shepherd to do together if we think who we are should influence what we give, and why Lent will be a special time for giving.

STEWARDSHIP is the big religious word we often use to avoid talking about our giving. It's bigger than money of course. We need to be stewards of the land, stewards of Our future, stewards of our lives. Most often, Stewardship is defined by saying something like, “It's what we do with what we have.” For Christians, it needs to shift a little, though the “little” is a big deal. I'd say Stewardship is what we do with what we've been given. Not discounting your work or mine, I keep trying to think of something I have that isn't gift. A list: Susan, two kids, enough stuff, these few years with you, somebody's forgiveness over the years, life itself ... let's see. I earned that? Hmmmm.

Some great poet in the church wrote a prayer trying to say this for us to say together:

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us…ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The INFORMATION is that we have started this year like last. The cold and the storms have kept attendance down and giving goes down with it. We got behind early last year and never caught up. We have started with the same trend. If there are other reasons, give me a call. No, we are certainly not broke. We are behind where we were able. Susan and I will do that and I hope you will to.

Next month we'll take another look at how and why people give to the work of the church which is the body of Christ. Is it like taxing or tipping or tickets or “tithing? May God be able to bless our giving together.

From ancient times, LENT has been a time of sacrifice for God's people. That's where the idea of giving up something for Lent comes from. Amazingly, what we often attempt to give up we shouldn't be doing anyway! Can sacrifice/giving be good for both the receiver AND the giver?

I look forward to traveling together on a Lenten journey this year.

- Pastor Tim Johnson
2014 Lenten Worship Series

By: Pastor Tim Johnson

I’ve always liked questions. They tend to move us beyond where we are. They challenge us to look honestly and wonder openly about God, ourselves, and the world. For too much of its history, the church has failed to encourage questions. It had a bad tendency to kill heretics. It was easier than responding to their questions.

In many parts of the Christian tradition it has been assumed that the questions we’ll encounter on these Wednesdays in Lent either shouldn’t be asked or have obvious answers. They need to be asked and the answers may surprise us. Please join others on this Lenten journey that takes you and me seriously, the Bible seriously, and the all-encompassing love of God with the joy and thanksgiving...seriously.

Worship at 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Dinners on Wednesdays (March 5 - April 9) from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Lynne Center

The dessert sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex.

Ash Wednesday - March 5
The Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
“What if fasting really is a good idea?”
Isaiah 58:1-12

Dinner: Chicken Noodle Soup, Clam Chowder, Vegetable Soup, Bread Variety, Assorted Bars

Youth Cooking:
Shift One - Group 7-1
Shift Two - Group 8-1

Youth Serving:
Shift One - Group 9-6 & Senior High
Shift Two - Group 9-5 & Senior High

Youth Worship:
Shift One - Group 9-1
Shift Two - Group 9-2

March 12
“What if God doesn’t have all the power?”
Acts 1:7-8

Dinner: Baked Potatoes, Sour Cream, Shredded Cheese, Bacon Bits, Broccoli, Butter, Cubed Ham, Lettuce Salad, Dressings, Assorted Bars

Youth Cooking:
Shift One - Group 9-5
Shift Two - Groups 8-6 & 9-4

Youth Serving:
Shift One - Groups 8-6 & 7-7
Shift Two - Groups 9-7 & 7-4

Youth Worship:
Shift One - Group 9-3
Shift Two - Group 9-4

March 19
“What if everything doesn’t happen for a reason?”
Micah 6:8

Dinner: Penne, Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast, Assorted Cookies

Youth Cooking
Shift One - Groups 7-2 & 8-3
Shift Two - Groups 9-3 & 8-4

Youth Serving:
Shift One - Group 9-7 & God Rocks
Shift Two - Group 9-6

Youth Worship:
Shift One - Group 9-5
Shift Two - Group 9-6

March 26
“What if sin is bigger than a naughty word?”
Romans 6:23

Dinner: Ham, Roast Beef, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Beef Gravy, Vegetables, Buns, Cupcakes

Youth Cooking
Shift One - Groups 9-7 & 7-5
Shift Two - Groups 7-7 & 9-6

Youth Serving:
Shift One - Group 9-2 & Senior High
Shift Two - Group 9-3 & Senior High

Youth Worship:
Shift One - Group 9-7
Shift Two - Group 8-5

April 2
“What if nobody knows the “when” of the end...period!!”
Acts 1:6-7

Dinner: Taco Bar - Chips, Meat, Lettuce, Shredded Cheese, Tomatoes, Taco Sauce, Salsa, Olives, Jalapeño Peppers, Ice Cream Cups

Youth Cooking:
Shift One - Groups 9-1 & 7-6
Shift Two - Groups 8-2 & 7-3

Youth Serving:
Shift One - Group 9-4 & God Rocks
Shift Two - Group 7-1 & God Rocks

Youth Worship:
Shift One - Group 8-3
Shift Two - Group 8-4

April 9
“What if HELL is just a bunch of hooey and LOVE does win?”
Romans 8:31-39

Dinner: Grilled Burgers and Brats, Buns, Chips, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Condiments, Ice Cream Cups

Youth Cooking:
Shift One - Groups 9-2 & 8-7
Shift Two - Groups 8-5 & 7-4

Youth Serving:
Shift One - Groups 7-2 & 7-5
Shift Two - Groups 7-3 & 7-6

Youth Worship:
Shift One - Group 8-2
Shift Two - Group 8-1
A Note From Terri Camp

The last almost 15 years of serving as Good Shepherd’s Parish Nurse has been nothing short of joyful for me! You many or may not have noticed that I am no longer working for Good Shepherd. At the first of the year my job changed from a nurse to another type of ministry position. It was important for me to continue to work as a nurse to keep my nurses license, so I resigned. It was a tough decision. When you have had the privilege to be with people through their difficulties of illness and grief, as well as their happiest moments, you become very close, sometimes like family. I believe everything has its season and I have no doubt the direction the council is choosing to go will open up new opportunities for ministry at Good Shepherd. The caring ministries continue to be an important presence at Good Shepherd for those who need to have a one-to-one form of ministry, through the Stephen ministry Program, hospital visitation, home communions, and CD’s. Being part of Good Shepherd’s staff and in sharing God’s love and the Gospel with all kinds of people, has been a blessing to me. God Bless each of you and thank you for this opportunity that I had to serve at Good Shepherd.
- Terri Camp

Join The GSLC Running Club And Volleyball Teams

Good Shepherd is forming a running club and two co-ed sand volleyball teams. If you are interested in participating, where Prayer, Devotionals, Fitness, and Fun are the focus, please pre-register at www.goodshepherdbismarck.com/events. Participants must be 21+ years old. Questions? Email Sarah at sarah@goodshepherdbismarck.com.

Stephen Ministry Applicants Welcome

If you are a kind, compassionate person and a good listener, Stephen Ministry might be the perfect fit for you. We are currently taking applications for our Spring Stephen Ministry class here at Good Shepherd. The class is 50 hours of training to be a Stephen Minister and includes some helpful techniques to listening, praying, confidentiality and interpersonal skills, and Bible references. Prayerfully consider being a part of this uniquely Christian way of supporting each other. Applications are available in the church office and can be returned to the office after completion or mailed in.

Good Shepherd Stephen Ministers and others from the congregation were enlightened to the effects of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on families, at the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education. Kay Miller, from Heartview Foundation, drew from her over 30 years of Addiction Counseling experiences to help those in attendance understand the gravity of the illness and its frustrating effects it has on those who love someone with this affliction. She shared many resources in the forms of handouts for further learning on the topic, in the forms of books and groups that are available in Bismarck. She also told of the newest deadly synthetic drugs that are available on the streets.

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Congregational Life Ministries
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Innovative Worship Ministries
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Vicki Martel – Saturday Organist (PT)
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January 2014

* Thanks to your gifts, 13% of our actual income is shared with various missions & ministries in our community & the world.

Notes:
* Income is down $18,444 from budget. Expenses are down $8,382 from budget. The many ministries of Good Shepherd depend on your continued support. Thank you for supporting Good Shepherd’s ministries!
* A complete financial report is attached to the monthly Council Minutes and can be found in the information carousels or on the Good Shepherd website.
* The mortgage note balance as of January 31, 2014: $784,892.27
  January Principal: $3,034.51
  In 2013 $44,563 was contributed for principal only payments (blue envelopes) along with monthly payments - if that trend continues, the mortgage note has the possibility of being paid off in less than 8 years.
* The current interest rate is 4.625% with a monthly mortgage payment of $6,233 (principal and interest); the next interest rate change is September 1, 2016; and the maturity date of the note is November 1, 2031.

Knitters Group
Knitters Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays in Room 112 at 4:00 p.m. All those who enjoy knitting or who are interested in learning are welcome to join us.

CD Ministry To Homebound
Each worship service at Good Shepherd is recorded and put onto CDs. These CDs are available to be delivered to anyone who is homebound. Call the church office if you are interested in having them delivered to you.

Home Communion
Home Communion is available through our Lay Communion Ministry.

Bible Study Date Night
The next Bible Study Date Night will be held March 14 in the Lynne Center. Childcare will be provided for ages six weeks through fifth grade from 5:15 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The Bible Study is from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Date night is from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at a location of your choice.
A freewill offering will be received with funds supporting Good Shepherd Youth Mission Trips. RSVP Requested: 701-255-1001.

Shepherds Book Club
The Shepherds Book Club will be reading “House Rules” by Jodi Picoult for the March 24 meeting at Pansegrau’s home. Those who would like to attend are asked to obtain their own copy of the book.
“House Rules” is the story of a teen with Asperger’s syndrome living in a small town. His mannerisms resemble suspicious behavior as law enforcement seek to solve a murder.

Youth Rummage Sale
The Good Shepherd Youth will have a rummage sale on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are cleaning out your closets, please save your items. Any contributions to the rummage sale may be delivered to the Fellowship Area starting March 1, on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thank you!
February Council Meeting Highlights

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Shawn Deisz – President
Tom Schiwal – Vice President
Karma Anderson – Secretary
John Giese
Rhea Beto
Tim Pansegrau
Steve Madler
Larry Fuller

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
Evelyn Buchfink

OTHERS ATTENDING
Pastor Tim Johnson – Senior Pastor
Pastor Craig Schweitzer – Pastor
Pastor Bob Caranicas – Pastor of Youth Ministries
Sandy Meidinger – Parish Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Council President Shawn Deisz.
Opening devotions led by Pastor Tim Johnson

BUSINESS
1.) Approval of Minutes:
Motion to approve the minutes from the January council meeting (Giese, Schiwal, unanimous) motion carried.

2.) Finance Report:
Meidinger provided a recap of the January financials. General Fund income for the month of January totaled $77,156 which is 80.7% of the monthly budget of $95,600. Expenses for the month of January totaled $98,129 which is 92.1% of the monthly budget of $106,511. The General Fund net loss for the month of January is ($20,973). YTD income totaled $77,156 compared to the 2013 YTD total of $89,833. YTD expenses totaled $98,129 compared to the 2013 YTD total of $100,753. This resulted in YTD net loss of ($20,973) compared to the 2013 YTD net loss of ($10,920). Benevolence payments included in January expenses totaled $5,511.
The dedicated accounts received $14,268 and expensed $4,251 resulting in net income of $10,017 for the month of January. Motion to approve the January financial report (Beto, Schiwal, unanimous) motion carried.

3.) Endowment Council:
Endowment Council liaison Rhea Beto presented the grant submitted by Pastor Bob for t-shirts for the GSLC High School Youth Ministry program. Pastor Bob requested a grant in the amount of $1,500 and explained that the t-shirts will be used to build a sense of community among the high school youth and will enable the youth of Good Shepherd to identify with each other outside the church. The funding of the t-shirts will come from the Dorothy Bauer Endowment funds as these funds are earmarked for youth. Motion to approve the endowment grant application at $1,500 (Giese, Beto, unanimous) motion carried. Beto shared there are grant funds available for projects/programs and staff and others are encouraged to complete and submit a grant application as the need arises.

4.) Human Resources Committee:
Steve Madler will serve as the Council liaison for the Human Resources Committee. Madler summarized the January HR Committee meeting and shared that the committee is in the process of recruiting members to serve on the committee.
Pat Haug the previous Council liaison offered to remain on the HR Committee if needed. The committee will look into new evaluation tools for staff once the committee is fully functioning.

5.) Old Business:
A) Insurance: Business Income Coverage & Extra Expenses Coverage:
At the January Council meeting it was discussed to look into Business Income Coverage with Extra Expense Coverage insurance. Meidinger reported that for $1.5 million in coverage the cost would be $3,430 per year prorated based on the effective date in 2014. Council member John Giese offered to look into researching other companies to provide insurance coverage for Good Shepherd. Giese spoke with an agent who is willing to put a proposal together to present to Council. Motion to move forward with John’s recommendation to have an insurance proposal presented to Council (Pansegrau, Schiwal, unanimous) motion carried.

b) Call Committee:
Pastor Craig shared with Council the need to organize a Call Committee for the purpose of calling a third pastor. A Needs Assessment form which addresses the characteristics of a pastoral candidate was distributed to Council members and staff to complete to aid in the call process. Pastor Craig is in contact with the synod office looking at pastors coming out of seminary as well as pastors seeking a different call. A list of names of congregation members to serve on the Call Committee was discussed and Pastor Craig will contact those members to see if they are willing to serve. Once a list has been generated – those names will be passed on to Council for approval. Council members Tom Schiwal and Larry Fuller offered to serve on this committee.

6.) New Business:
a) Transformational Ministry 2.0: Deisz shared with Council members that she was pleased with how well received the Transformation Ministry 2.0 program was received at the Annual Meeting. The next step in the process is to form a leadership team to walk with the congregation through the process. Names of congregation members were discussed and Pastor Craig will contact those members and generate a list for Council approval. It was discussed that the members who make up this team should be from different demographics: age, gender, worship services, council member, staff member, WELCA member, high school and/or college age member, etc. Tom Schiwal from Council agreed to serve on this committee. March 21-22 is the initial retreat at Metigoshe Ministries. Pastor Bob will attend with the leadership team as Pastor Craig has two weddings that weekend.
b) El Salvador Mission Trip: Pastor Craig shared with Council regarding the mission trip to El Salvador. Seventeen people from Good Shepherd or connected to Good Shepherd went on the mission trip. Pastor Craig had the opportunity to visit with Bishop Gomez, the bishop of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod, along with other leaders of the church and shared it was a humbling experience. The mission team also had an opportunity to experience a presidential election that was taking place during their visit and found it to be quite educational. Pansegrau shared that he would like to see our church youth become more involved in these mission trips as these trips provide an opportunity to see how others live and makes mission team members appreciate what they have in their own lives.
c) Staff Structure/Proposal: Meidinger shared with Council that the Administrative Assistant position that was to be filled did not work out with the chosen candidate. This allowed for an opportunity to analyze the position description and the needs of staff at Good Shepherd. An area on staff that has been needing coverage is the Human Resources area. This area is vital to staff development, recruiting, training and all other duties associated with this field.

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A position description was developed for a Human Resources Administrative Assistant and was shared with Council to be discussed and approved. Motion to approve the Human Resources Administrative Assistant job description and move forward with posting the position (Giese, Schiwal, unanimous) motion carried.

d) Deisz introduced a letter that was received regarding “Building on the Shores of Faith” a capital campaign for Camp of the Cross. This is a $3.4m campaign with $1.25m pledged to date. Representatives from the campaign committee would like to meet with Councils across the synod to present the campaign program for the purpose of raising funds from area churches. Pastor Tim will make contact with the committee to attend the April Council meeting.
e) Giese discussed the new video and music system in the sanctuary as to how it is meeting our expectations. Pastor Tim shared the elements that were enhanced due to the new system such as lighting, sound, view, etc. Pastor Craig shared that in the future there will be some significant training offered to further enhance the new system’s use.

7.) Pastor Reports:

a) Pastor Bob Caranicas:
• Attended 1st call theological training at Lake Metigoshe and shared that this training focused on relationships which was very helpful and insightful.
• Attended the Youth Extravaganza in St. Louis with Nicole Fehr and Mike Jacobson. This gathering provided an opportunity to meet a lot of youth workers and attend some great/informative seminars.
• Confirmation meetings with parents and students continue to go well – about 45 families left.
• Lent meals are in the planning stages and will be put together by small groups of parents and youth.
• The change in confirmation to 6-7-8 grade has been well received – with 9th grade making the switch to God Rocks.
• Some 9th graders are excited about continuing on their faith journey along with focusing on global mission. The goal is to keep kids excited and participating in the church as a whole.
b) Pastor Tim Johnson:
• Will be out February 23-27 in Minneapolis.
• Noted attendance is low due to the cold weather which effects the offering.
• Has been working with a number of funerals in the past month.
• Will be conducting a sermon series for Lent worship services.
• Distributed an article which will go in the March Newsletter regarding stewardship and Lent offering distributions.
c) Pastor Craig Schweitzer:
• Reminder that the Western ND Synod Assembly will be held May 30 – June 1 in Bismarck.
• Applications for the Director of Music & Worship have been coming in with some promising applicants.

Pastor Bob led us in closing prayer.
Respectfully submitted, Sandy Meidinger
Parish Administrator

Library Notes

Submitted By: Linda Moser-Eicholtz

The Library Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the church council and WELCA for monies received to purchase new books locally. Thanks also to Pastor Craig for the book entitled “Lenten Journey” by Eric Burtness. We have been very busy processing new books that have been bought or donated. Please see the list below.

The Secret Keeper
Before I Wake
Danger In The Shadows
Belonging
Betrayal
Beloved
Grace’s Pictures
Daybreak
Ray Of Light
Eventide
Twice Loved
Dawn Comes Early
Waiting For Morning
Gunpowder Tea
Fired Up
Cross Roads
The Miner’s Lady
Submerged
Shattered
Stranded
Fearless
Welcome To Last Chance
Wake The Dawn
An Untamed Heart
A Pioneer Christmas

Return To Me
Rosmary Cottage
Samson
Sinners And The Sea
Fifteen Minutes
A Surrendered Heart
What Once Was Lost
Rule Number Two
Fighting For Your Marriage

The Holy Longing
Teach Me To Pray
God Is Always There
Letting Go, Letting God
Who Moved My Cheese?
How To Really Love Your Adult Child
Celebration Of Discipline
All Things Hidden
Pilgrim’s Wilderness
Forsaken
You Can Be Anything
Happiness Is A Warm Blanket

Austin, Lynn
Coble, Colleen
Hoffman, Shawn
Kanner, Rebecca
Kingsbury, Karen
Peterson / Miller
Sawyer, Kim V
Kraft, Heidi
Markman, Stanley,
Blumberg
Rolheiser, Ronald
Sangster, W. E.
Atkinson, Kathleen
Atkinson, Kathleen
Johnson, Spencer, MD
Campbell, MD and
Chapman, PhD
Foster, Richard
Peterson, Tracie
Kizza, Tom
Jordan, James
Schulz, Charles
Schulz, Charles
Daughter, an Honest Virgin: Judges 11: 1-40

tells her story. Daughter, a young woman, retreats to the mountains with her female companions when her life is put in jeopardy by an oath her father made to God. She waves good-bye to a life that she had imagined for herself, she grieves her virginity, and her actions become a memorial to her. In this Bible study, a young daughter and a woman anointing Jesus (Mark 14:3-9) are both remembered for something they do. These women, acting out of love while saying good-bye, remind us to think about what we will be remembered for. What will be our memorial?

Our Bible Study Circles meet the 3rd week of each month, watch the Other Page for times and locations. If you have any questions please call Evelyn Buchfink at 255-1509.

Lutheran World Relief project for March is Fabric Kits. Each Kit contains two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric, cut to measure: (NO KNIT OR POLYESTER) 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or 4 yards of 36" wide fabric or 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric. Two 300 yard spools of matching thread. Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside a second piece of fabric. Tie with yarn, string, ribbon or strip of fabric. These items will be assembled and shipped in May.

Upcoming Events:

Women’s LIFE Weekend Camp of the Cross Mar. 28-30
Heart River Cluster Spring Gathering Good Shepherd April 26
Spring Event Hosted by Ruth & Mary Circles May 17
Ninth Triennial Gathering Charlotte, NC July 24-27